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Ghetto uprising recalled

A sorrowful anniversary

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Staff reporter Sheldon Kirshner, who is now in Poland, will cover the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising for The Canadian Jewish News.]

Forty years ago on April 19, German forces surrounded the Warsaw Ghetto and began an operation to destroy it.

Nearly 3,000 heavily-armed German troops entered the ghetto. Facing them were about 1,500 Jewish defenders, brandishing a handful of light machine guns, about a hundred rifles, several hundred revolvers and pistols and a few thousand hand grenades.

The Nazis were sure that Jewish resistance would crumble very quickly. But they were wrong. The ghetto fighters put up an heroic defence. It wasn't until May 15 that the German commander could write: "The Warsaw Ghetto is no more."

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Forty years later, the People's Republic of Poland plans to mark this sorrowful anniversary solemnly with a round of events.

One thousand participants from 24 countries, including Canada, Israel and the Soviet Union, are expected to attend the commemorative ceremonies . . . to be held in a capital where 400,000 Jews once lived and which was almost totally leveled by the Nazis before it was rebuilt.

Among the visitors will be the Israeli minister of education, Zevulun Hammer, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Julius Berman, the president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, and the Chief Rabbi of Romania, Moses Rosen.

To the probable embarrassment of the Polish government, many survivors have decided to boycott the commemoration.

Marek Edelman, the last surviving commander of the Warsaw Ghetto, is one of them. Now a Lodz cardiologist, and a member of the Solidarity free trade union, Edelman will observe the anniversary privately by visiting the sites where the battles took place.

"We fought for dignity and freedom," Edelman wrote in an open letter. "To celebrate our anniversary here, where social life is dominated throughout by humiliation and captivity, where words and gestures are made false, would be to deny our fight."

Edelman was detained briefly in December of 1981, when martial law was imposed by the regime of Gen. Wojcich Jaruzelski. It has since been lifted, but human rights groups say there has been little improvement in the situation.

The Jewish Labor Committee will not take part either. Donald Slaiman, its president, charged the Polish government was staging the event to gain world acceptance after crushing Solidarity.

He also said the regime "has a long history of manipulating the 'Jewish question,' playing on domestic anti-semitism and at the same time wooing world Jewish agencies for its own purposes."

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Canadians join in memorial

TORONTO —

Twenty-four Canadians from Ontario, many of them Holocaust survivors, will attend ceremonies in Warsaw later this month to mark the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

One of the Canadian visitors will be Mayor Mel Lastman of North York, Canada's fourth largest city. Accompanying him to Poland will be Bob Yuill, North York controller.

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada will be represented by Yosef Becker, co-chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee - Toronto Jewish Congress. He has invited Canada's ambassador in Poland, John Fraser, to take part in the ceremonies and the ambassador will hold a reception for the Canadians.

According to the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, there are plans to make a documentary film of the trip.

Tower Travel of Toronto is organizing a 1-week tour, and anyone who is interested in going should contact Milton Fienberg [416] 787-1471.

MIDRECHOV BEN YEHUDA

Part of Ben Yehuda St., in the heart of Jerusalem, has been converted into an outdoor pedestrian mall [midrechov]. With no cars allowed, one can drink coffee there at an outside cafe, stroll undisturbed among the stores, or rest on benches made of Jerusalem stone. [WZPS photo]

The PLO says NO

Hussein turns down role of mediator

[Compiled from despatches]

Jordan's Hussein decided over the weekend he would rather be a live king than a dead hero and rejected President Ronald Reagan's pleas to participate in the Reagan Middle East peace initiative.

Under Reagan's plan, proposed on Sept. 1 of last year, the U.S. would have delivered the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan on a platter, providing Hussein would negotiate with Israel.

The plan was turned down promptly by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin but Hussein toyed for months with the idea of convincing PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to let him negotiate with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians. But the PLO said nothing doing and despite promises by the U.S. to put all sorts of pressure on Israel, Hussein finally told Reagan to forget about using him as a mediator.

Hussein's decision was influenced, no doubt, by the assassination in Portugal over the weekend of Issam Sartawi, described as a "moderate" PLO member who had made contact with Israeli left-wingers. Sartawi was shot in the lobby of a hotel in which the Socialist International was holding a conference.

The long-awaited news of Hussein's decision broke on the David Brinkley television show on ABC Sunday morning when Brinkley read a bulletin just after a discussion on the West Bank situation with former President Jimmy Carter, who recently returned to the U.S. after a tour of the Middle East [CJN, April 7].

"So what else is new," commented George Will, a panelist on the show, when Brinkley read the news. "Israel has been trying to negotiate with the Palestinians for 35 years . . . but there's nobody to negotiate with."

Will added that he doubted if Hussein really wanted the West Bank because the combination of Palestinians on the east and west banks of the Jo: an River would create an unworkable situation for the king.

Seconds earlier, before the bulletin was read, former President Carter had accurately predicted that "in no way can Hussein negotiate for the Arabs unless he has their approval." He said Hussein lacked the stature of Anwar Sadat and called Jordan "a non-state — a collection of tribes, plus Palestinians."

Carter said that threatening Israel and holding back arms was not the way to convince Prime Minister Begin to negotiate on the West Bank. He suggested, instead, to "go over the head" of Begin to his cabinet and to the people of Israel and promise such an attractive peace package that it would be irresistible.

Meanwhile, in the negotiations with Lebanon, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee that Israel will know within about two weeks whether an agreement can be worked out.

Shamir said the pace of the tripartite talks between Israel, Lebanon and the U.S. has been stepped up. The negotiating teams have been meeting twice a week, alternating between sites in Lebanon and Israel.

Shamir confirmed that the outstanding unresolved issue is the future status of Israel's proxy in southern Lebanon, Major Saad Haddad, whom the Lebanese government considers a renegade.

Israel wants Haddad to command a Lebanese army brigade near its border, but Lebanon, while willing to integrate Haddad's militia into its regular force, will have nothing to do with him.

The Israelis feel that only a force led by Haddad can provide security in southern Lebanon. Israel has apparently dropped its demand that Israelis man five anti-terrorist outposts in the region.

A first for the British

LONDON [JTA] —

A memorial to the victims of the Holocaust is to be opened this summer in Hyde Park, London, with the consent of the British government.

The first memorial of its kind in Britain, it will consist of a specially landscaped garden and a stone bearing a biblical quotation in Hebrew and English.

Government approval of the scheme was announced in Parliament by Neil Macfarlane undersecretary of the department of environment.

Greville Janner, MP and president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who has been discussing the project with the government for the past four years, said the government's announcement represented a "profound gesture of goodwill towards the board and the Jewish community.

"We trust that this garden will be regarded by the people of Britain not merely as a signal memory of the evils of the Hitlerian Holocaust but as a reminder that when flames of hatred are lit against the Jewish people they rampage unconfined."

Evidence wanted

TORONTO —

Canadians who "desire to testify and bring evidence" against accused war criminal Klaus Barbie will be offered financial and legal assistance by a Co-ordinating Committee of Jewish Communities and Organizations in Lyon, France.

The committee has so informed B'nai B'rith Canada in an official notice last week.

Those who have evidence or wish to testify are invited to communicate with the committee at 146 Grande de La Guillotiere, 69007, Lyon, France; telephone number [16-7] 872-8823.

Research agreement likely by end of month: Lumley

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

An agreement to set a Canada-Israel research institute into motion will probably be in place before the end of April, according to Regional and Economic Expansion [DREE] Minister Ed Lumley.

Both the Canadian and Israeli governments have pledged $200,000 in start-up funding over a 3-year period to launch the institute. It will promote the exchange of industrial and research information between the two countries.

Lumley said he hopes an agreement between the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce (CICC) and the government of Canada "will be finalized some time this month."

Once it is signed, the CICC will have the authority to name both an 8-person bi-national board and the executive director.

Details of the institute's location and its projected completion date are still indefinite at this point, Lumley said.

He said both he and International Trade Minister Gerald Regan have invited Israel Trade Minister Gideon Patt to lead a trade mission here.

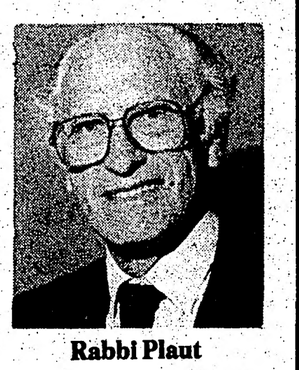
Although Lumley's office had not received a reply at the time of the hastily-arranged telephone interview, Lumley said he hoped Patt's arrival would coincide with the signing of the agreement.

World-National

Dunera tale more than mere fancy

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some weeks ago I wrote about a story I had heard in Australia: how the British, in the summer of 1940, had sent German-Jewish refugees to Canada and Australia; how one ship was sunk by a German U-boat and another escaped because personal belongings (including letters) of passengers had been thrown overboard and the U-boat commander had concluded that the boat carried German war prisoners. So, instead of sinking it he escorted it to safety.



Rabbi Plaut

Since the tale was so unusual I wondered whether any readers could corroborate it. My request elicited one Torontonian's response, and from there I was led to ask more questions.

Then, in San Francisco, I spoke at length with Rabbi Joseph Asher who had also been a passenger and whose recall was sharp and precise. Besides, in his possession were two books, both of which dealt in part with the incident surrounding the H.M.S. Dunera which delivered its human cargo to Australia. One is Benzion Patkin's The Dunera Refugees, the other Peter and Leni Gillman's Collar the Lot. The latter, published in 1980, is a carefully annotated and apparently reliable study of the way in which the British dealt with their refugees from Nazi oppression. It is not a pretty story, and the Dunera chapter adds to the sorrowful account.

U-boat escorts Jews

The Germans had sunk the Arandora Star on July 3. The ship had in fact contained — in addition to the refugees — some German war prisoners, a number of whom were saved and reloaded onto the Dunera, which sailed out of Liverpool on July 10.

The loading process was a disgrace — not for the war prisoners but for the refugees. These were not only treated like criminals shipped out for penal servitude and were stripped of all their possessions by a rapacious British crew (who were later courtmartialed for their crimes).

One passenger, Jakob Weiss, was robbed of his visa to a South American country and in his despair committed suicide by jumping into the sea.

Survival a miracle

The conditions on board the Dunera were disgusting. There were insufficient sleeping and sanitary facilities. Refugees slept in shifts on tables and benches; the hallways were ankle-deep with urine and vomit; and passengers were allowed on deck but for a short few minutes each day.

A German U-boat commanded by Commander Harms sighted the Dunera and attempted to sink it. The captain of the refugee ship made several evasive maneuvers and it appears that when a torpedo was fired it glanced off the bow of the Dunera, denting it without, however, causing an explosion. At this point then, Harms did not believe that the ship carried Nazi war prisoners. It was July 12, in the Irish sea.

When Harms later testified, he said nothing about letters fished out of the sea — yet, according to Rabbi Asher, that story was told again and again in Australia, so that in time everyone came to consider it as having happened indeed.

To conclude: the rescue was real, the tale was probably fanciful. It rose to explain the miraculous escape of the Dunera. But even if it did not happen in just that fashion it is too good a story to be debunked. After all, it could have happened.

Soviet Union warns of attack

Won't go to war with Syria: Begin

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Tension is rising in the Middle East as a result of reports that Israel and Syria will be at war by the summer.

The predictions come from a variety of sources, both pro- and anti-Israel, and center around a scenario whereby the Israeli army would strike into Syria in a bid to destroy Syria's new Soviet-supplied SAM-5 anti-aircraft missiles.

Talk of a war pitting Israel against Syria reminds observers of the tense weeks preceding the 1967 Six Day War, when news accounts spoke of an imminent clash between those countries.

Sixteen years ago, Israel and Syria were on the razor's edge, while the Soviet Union fanned fears of a conflict.

By the time the Israelis launched an assault on the Syrians, on June 9, the combatants had been involved in an air battle and had exchanged bellicose statements.

The Soviet Union contributed to the crisis by circulating false reports of an Israeli military buildup in the Jordan Valley.

Today, Moscow is engaging in similar brinkmanship — despite denials by Israel that war is on the horizon. Defence Minister Moshe Arens has said he is not interested in conflict with Syria. And Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in a statement on March 31, declared Israel "certainly has no intention" of attacking Syria.

The Soviets, who have a treaty of friendship and co-operation with Syria, said recently that Israel intended to deliver a "piratic strike" against their client in Damascus. Tass, the official news agency, said the goal of an Israeli offensive would be twofold: to hit the SAM-5s and to weaken Syria, "the main obstacle on the road to the implementation of Tel Aviv's annexationist designs."

Warning Israel to "stop playing with fire," Tass noted that Syria would not be alone if Israel attacked.

Earlier, the Soviet ambassador to Lebanon indicated his country would intervene if Israel and Syria went to war.

In the U.S., Joseph Churba, a pro-Israel analyst based in Washington, predicted that Israel and Syria would be fighting "this spring or this summer." He said the war would be brought on by Moscow's desire to test its integrated missile batteries based around the Syrian cities of Homs and Damascus.

Jacobo Timerman, the ex-Argentinian publisher now living in Israel, also forecast war, in a speech in Baltimore.

Syria, the object of this supposed onslaught, said it is taking "all measures to fortify itself against aggression."

According to the Syrians, Israel has moved more tanks and 155-mm and 175-mm long-range artillery into the southern half of the Bekaa Valley, where the bulk of their estimated 30,000-man force in Lebanon is concentrated. Western diplomats do not know whether Israel is dispatching reinforcements or simply rotating men and materiel.

Is Israel really preparing for war? It depends on one's interpretation of the facts.

While Moshe Arens disclaims any interest in war, he says that "the scope of military activity would be dictated by us" if Syria were to be the aggressor.

Gen. Rafael Eitan, Israel's outgoing chief of staff, says that if Syrian missiles are fired against Israeli aircraft over Lebanon, Israel or the Mediterranean Sea, Israel will have no choice but to knock out the SAM-5s. Eitan, who leaves his post on April 19, said: "It makes no difference to us who operates the missiles — Syrians or Russians."

Moshe Arens greets Gen. Rafael Eitan [left]. [Uzi Keren photo]

At present, the SAM-5s are manned by Soviets. The Soviet Union has as many as 5,000 military personnel in Syria.

Not everyone in Israel agrees that the leaders in the kremlin necessarily want to escalate tensions in the region. Mordechai Zipori, the minister of communications, says that Moscow's threats to Israel are really a message not to go to war.

Gideon Rafael, a retired Israeli diplomat, attributes Soviet bellicosity to Moscow's attempt to regain a position of power and influence in Middle East politics. He does not think the Soviet Union wants to provoke war.

Indeed, the Soviet Union would be most reluctant to commit itself as a participant in a war, given the obvious risk of a confrontation with the U.S. But Moscow, having replenished Syria's armory after its losses in last year's battles with Israel, will likely apply political pressure on the Israelis as a means of forestalling a possible attack.

The Israelis will pay close attention, not only because they respect and fear the Soviet Union, but because it continues to hew its long-held position that Israel has the right to exist. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, at a recent press conference, made a passing reference to the Middle East.

He condemned "the aggressive Israeli state that exists now," but noted that he did not share the "extremist Arab view that Israel should simply be liquidated."

Survivors' Washington gathering features many moving programs

By
HILARY HORLOCK

WASHINGTON —

Thousands of Jews, young and old, converged on the U.S. capital this week to remember the Holocaust. The American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, held here April 11 to 14, attracted close to 20,000 people — all survivors and their families. Close to 400 Canadians, mainly from Toronto and Montreal, attended.

Organized almost single-handedly by Warsaw Ghetto survivor Ben Meed, this Gathering was an outgrowth of the successful World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors held in 1981 in Jerusalem. That event elicited worldwide interest at a time when revisionist historians were trying to refute the occurrence of a Holocaust. As Meed said, "It's hard to refute the eyewitness testimony of thousands of survivors."

Apart from the opportunity for reunion and remembrance by survivors, one of the main reasons for this year's Gathering was to give thanks to the United States and its people "for providing a place where survivors could rebuild their lives with dignity."

Amid the hustle and bustle of registration by survivors, the official opening took place on Monday morning at the Washington Convention Centre. Dr. Hadassah Rosensaft, Abraham Bayer and Hirsh Altusky opened the Survivors' Village at the centre with the dedication and fixing of the mezuzah. During the afternoon, as some survivors milled around computer terminals searching for lost friends and family, the special exhibits were opened.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council exhibit, opened by Rabbi Seymour Siegel and Miles Lerman, featured facsimiles from the National Archives proving that the Holocaust was a German government-sponsored and government-supported policy.

Both Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial museum in Jerusalem, and Beit Hatefutzot had exhibits in the Survivors' Village.

One of the more popular exhibits which attracted numerous onlookers was the Art by Survivors exhibit. Titled the Artist as a Witness, the exhibit featured works by survivors depicting life during and after the Holocaust. Many walked away with tears in their eyes, so moving were the images on the walls.

The huge opening night ceremony, held at the Capital Centre, which seats 20,000, was an emotional experience. Various Israeli luminaries and leading statesmen were in attendance, including Dov Shilansky, deputy minister of the State of Israel. Prime Minister Menachem Begin personally authorized the appearance of Israel's finest singers and dancers.

The program included a multi-media presentation on Jewish life before the war, during the Holocaust and liberation, and life since the Holocaust. Cultural performances were also given by Israeli groups, including Shalom 83.

Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with seminar presentations and discussion panels. Topics discussed included Integration of Children of Survivors into Society; Creative Responses to the Holocaust; Anti-semitism in America; Nazi War Criminal Prosecutions (sponsored by the U.S. department of justice); and Jews in American Politics.

A highlight of the gathering was the double performance, at 4 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday evening, of the Cultural Program. Held at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall, two performances were necessary to accommodate everybody. Hosted by Theodore Bikel, the entertainment extravaganza included performances by Roberta Peters, Mischa Raitzin, Liv Ullman, Anachun Khan and the Shalom 83 dance troupe.

Arlington National Cemetery was the scene of the ceremony of appreciation to the U.S. military for liberation from the camps, held Wednesday morning.

Later that morning a moving ceremony was held at the U.S. Capitol commemorating those who died. U.S. vice-president George Bush formally presented Elie Wiesel, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, with the building which will become the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council Museum Building. Also present at the ceremony were Thomas [Tip] O'Neill, House speaker, Senator Rudy Boschwitz and Congressman Sam Gejdenson.

The closing ceremonies were held at the Sylvan Theatre grounds, near the Washington Monument, and included the dedication of the Holocaust museum site.

• **Editor's note** — This report was prepared as The CJN went to press. More details in the next issue by staff reporter Hilary Horlock, who covered the event.

Jerusalem's support demonstrated

UN voting proves Israel a consistent friend of U.S.

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —
Despite strains between the United States and Israel, there is good reason to believe that President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and other senior administration officials still appreciate Israel's friendship, although this has certainly not prevented them from expressing their frustration and concern over certain Israeli policies and actions.

They know Israel is a dependable ally even if they do not very often advertise it.

Exactly how friendly Israel is to the U.S. was underlined in a remarkable but hardly noticed document which UN Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick submitted to the Senate appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations in March.

Kirkpatrick, who is outspokenly pro-Israel in her personal orientation but who has been largely shut out of the administration's Middle East decision-making process, had her staff prepare a report analyzing the voting patterns of the countries at the United Nations last year. Her point was to issue a global warning that continued U.S. economic, political and military support should not be a 1-way street.

"We must communicate that it is not possible to denounce us on Monday, vote against us on important issues of principle on Tuesday and Wednesday, and pick up assurances of our support on Thursday and Friday," she declared.

Republican Senator Robert Kasten of Wisconsin, the subcommittee chairman, quickly endorsed Kirkpatrick's statement. "I totally agree with her suggestion that one of the factors that should be considered as to whether or not countries receive bilateral assistance is how they respond to U.S. concerns not only in the UN, but in other international organizations, as well as important foreign policy activities carried on outside those institutions," he said. "While I do not believe Ambassador Kirkpatrick suggests that this be the only criteria, her strong inference is that it has not been used at all . . . and should be. I agree."

Kirkpatrick's study, which was widely circulated in the upper echelons of the Reagan administration, showed that during the 37th session of the UN General Assembly last year, the country which voted together with the U.S. more than any other was Israel. Washington and Jerusalem agreed during 86.2% of the votes.

This compared to an 80.1% rating for Britain, 76.6% for West Germany, 70.7% for Canada, 67.9% for Italy and 67.2% for Japan.

On the opposite side of the scale, the Soviet Union and the U.S. agreed only on 20.6% of the votes. Albania received an 8.8% rating with the other East European and Communist countries scoring in the upper teens and low 20s — not surprisingly, along the lines of the Soviet Union.

How did the Arab states fare?

There were some major surprises. The moderate, supposedly pro-American Arab countries did not do very well. Thus, Egypt scored only 26.2%. Jordan received a 20.8% rating — almost the same as the Soviet Union. Saudi Arabia, which had earlier won the $7.5 billion AWACS surveillance aircraft package, did not do much better, receiving only a 24.0% score. The other Gulf states were also in the upper teens and low 20s.

How dependable, therefore, are these friends? U.S. officials working at the UN asked.

The pro-Soviet, rejectionist Arab states were further down the scale: Iraq with 16.3%; Syria with 14.4%; and Libya with 13.6%. Still, U.S. officials who carefully took note of the study could not help but conclude that the difference in attitude toward the U.S. between the so-called moderate and radical Arab states — reflected in actual roll calls at the UN — were not very dramatic.

"To say that I believe there has to be some linkage between bilateral and multilateral diplomacy should not be taken as meaning I advocate simply turning the economic assistance spigot, or the military assistance spigot, or any spigot at all, on or off solely on the basis of how a country votes in the UN," Kirkpatrick said.

"Obviously, when the administration proposes assistance to another country, and when the Congress votes it, both have in mind specific and important reasons for doing it. These can range from key geostrategic location, to economic and political turnaround, to formal military pact or base agreement.

"But I do believe that behavior, including voting behavior, in multilateral organizations like the UN, should also be one of the criteria we employ in deciding what type of assistance and in what amount."

Based on the Kirkpatrick study, Israel has certainly demonstrated its friendship and reliability. The same can not be said of the Arab states, including the moderates.

Israeli officials and their American supporters were gratified by the study. It dramatically confirmed what they had long suspected. But in speculating about its potential impact in formulating U.S. policy, they were realistic enough to recognize that it was unlikely to result in any immediate changes.

Israel, they said, will continue to be judged by a different standard than the Arab states — in part because more is expected of Israel. In the past, this has led to greater pressures on Israel to make concessions. It has also resulted in a greater readiness to complain about Israeli — rather than Arab — policies and actions. To a large degree, Israel is simply taken for granted, while the Arabs are not.

Tom Dine, the executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee [AIPAC], the pro-Israel lobby on Capitol Hill, referred to this trend during a recent speech in Orlando, Fla. "I am particularly worried," he said, "by what seems to be an emerging tendency of the Reagan administration to focus exclusively and relentlessly on areas of difference with Israel, while exploiting every opportunity to move closer to the Arabs . . . I am worried when American officials interpret every Arab statement — or lack of them — in the most positive light, while viewing with suspicion the concerns expressed by Israel."

Avrum Burg in Toronto

TORONTO —

Avrum Burg, a Peace Now spokesman and son of an Israeli cabinet minister, will be in Toronto on Monday, April 18 to deliver a speech at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., at 8 p.m.

His topic: Peace is Greater Than a Greater Israel.

Burg, whose father, Yosef, is minister of interior and a leader of the National Religious Party, is 27 years old and a reservist.

During the war in Lebanon last summer, he was one of three officers who spent 90 minutes with Prime Minsiter Menachem Begin, trying to persuade him to put an end to that conflict.

According to reports, Burg expressed concern about Israel's siege of West Beirut and fear that Begin might order an assault on that PLO encalve. [The Israeli army entered West Beirut after the PLO evacuated it, and in the wake of the assassination of president-elect Bashir Gemayel.]

A student at the Hebrew University, Burg was slightly injured earlier this year when a grenade exploded during a Peace Now demonstration in Jerusalem. Killed in that explosion was Emil Grunzweig, another reservist.

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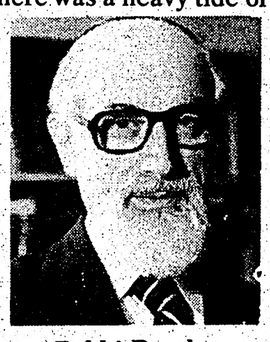
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: What has Israel done for the Jewish soul?

Some people will think I am exaggerating, but here is the way I see it: Israel has saved the Jewish soul!

In the 19th century there was a heavy tide of assimilation. People whose ties with Judaism were flimsy went into the waiting arms of the church. No less a man than Theodor Herzl saw this as the solution to the problem of Jewish suffering.



Rabbi Burak

Here is what Herzl wrote in an early entry in his diary some two years before The Jewish State:

"About two years ago I wanted to solve the Jewish question, at least in Austria, with help of the Catholic church. I wished to arrange for an audience with the Pope . . . and say to him: Help us against the anti-semites and I will lead a great movement for the free and honorable conversion of Jews to Christianity. . . .

"In broad daylight, on 12 o'clock of a Sunday, the exchange of faith would take place in St. Stephen's Cathedral, with solemn parades and the peal of bells. Not with shame, as sorry individuals have hitherto gone over, but with a proud gesture.

"And because the Jewish leaders would remain behind, conducting the people only to the threshold of the church and themselves staying outside, it would elevate the whole performance to a display of utter sincerity."

This is taken from Lowenthal's The Diaries of Theodor Herzl, and is given in Teller's The Kremlin, the Jews, and the Middle East (Thomas Yoseloff, 1957) page 18.

At one time, I could not understand the bitter hatred that Herzl's name evoked in some sections of East European Jewry. After I read this piece from Herzl's diaries, I could understand the bitterness. He had thought of leading his people to Avoda Zarra, and that is unforgiveable.

But Herzl backed out, on his own, when it was shown to him that Jews had clung fast to Judaism for a hundred generations and that he shouldn't be the one to end this stand. He did teshuvah, dedicated his life to Zion, and it purified his soul.

Zion saved a whole generation from shmad.

But, what has Zion been doing for the Jewish soul lately? Suppose we take a look at some of our farflung Jewish communities. This past year I read in The CJN about the Jews of Australia and their problems. In a Temple bulletin I read some gloomy predictions for the Jews of New Zealand. But, on Jan. 31, when I flew to England and Israel, I met a group of 17-year-old boys and girls from Australia and New Zealand aboard the plane. They were exhausted by more than 30 hours flying and an additional 6-hour delay, in England.

I asked who would join a minyan for mincha. A number of them tore themselves away from the sleep of exhaustion to daven. They were B'nai Akiva young people.

Here are the names of some of those in the Melbourne contingent heading for the B'nai Akiva Hachshara in Israel: Carl Cohen, Jerry Davidov and David Forbes. Alan Meerkin was headed for Yeshivat Ha-Kotel. Bernard Smith from Sydney, Australia, and David Rose from Auckland, New Zealand, heard the call of the Hachshara.

"Sweet is the sleep of the laborer," said King Solomon. And I say: Sweet are those wonderful Jewish girls and boys in their work in the field, in their Torah learning, and in their sleep, on the sacred earth of Israel.

Absolutely no evidence of poisoning

West Bank cases "mass phenomenon"

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Dr. Baruch Modan, director-general of the Israel health ministry, told the cabinet last week there was absolutely no evidence of poisoning in the "mass phenomenon" that seemingly affected close to 600 Arab teen-age girls on the West Bank during the past few weeks.

He told the ministers that his conclusion was based on extensive tests at several Israeli hospitals made in conjunction with Dr. Franz Altherr, an International Red Cross expert.

Modan said there was an "environmental cause" for the original outbreak of symptoms among 35 high school girls in an Arab village, near Jenin. But the spread of those symptoms to all parts of the West Bank was a "mass phenomenon."

He deliberately refrained from using the term "mass hysteria" because of its derogatory connotations. And he explained that scientific evidence taken from medical literature shows that a "mass phenomenon" of that type is not uncommon and that girls or young women rather than men tend to be affected.

Meanwhile, more than 50 Arabs were held on suspicion of inciting the epidemic of apparent psychosomatic illness. Thirty-eight of the suspects were arrested as they arrived by bus in the city of Nablus, "with the apparent intention of inciting the populace," according to Israeli Chief Police Superintendent Gaby Ashton.

Israeli police maintain there is evidence that Palestinian activists helped swell the mysterious epidemic by panicking the residents.

Hospitals in the West Bank have reported no recent admission of patients complaining of the symptoms, and several have been discharged. The symptoms seem to consist of headaches, dizziness, stomach pains and nausea.

The World Health Organization [WHO] has sent two medical experts to Israel — an epidemiologist and toxicologist — to conduct an independent investigation.

A spokesman for WHO, a United Nations agency, announced that the mission was at the request of the Israeli government and of UN Secretary - General Javier Perez De Cuellar.

When asked why no psychologist had been sent as part of the investigating team, the WHO spokesman told newsmen one might be sent later on.

However, other sources say a psychologist was not included because the Arabs might have thought the WHO subscribes to the Israeli theory that the illness was a case of mass hysteria.

Israel majority says commission was too harsh

TEL AVIV — A majority of Israelis think the Kahan commission's conclusions about former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and several top Israel Defence Forces officers were too harsh.

These are the findings of a recent public opinion poll conducted for The Jerusalem Post. A representative sample of 1,216 adult Jews was interviewd.

The commission's conclusions are judged as too harsh by 51.7% of those polled.

A minority thought the commission too lenient — 2.7%.

The conclusions were judged as just by 31.4%.

The commission was established to investigate the massacre of Palestinians by Lebanese soldiers in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps, last September.

The commission, after criticizing Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, and GOC Northern Command General Amir Drori, did not make any specific recommendations.

But it recommended that Sharon "draw the appropriate personal conclusions," — that is, resign or be fired — that General Yehoshua Saguy not continue as director of military intelligence, and that General Amos Yaron not serve in the capacity of a field commander in the IDF.

In regard to Begin, 22.2% thought the commission was too harsh, 16.6% perceived it as too lenient, 38.9% as fair, 17% had no opinion and 5.3% did not reply.

Nearly half of those polled thought Sharon was wronged. The recommendations were seen as too harsh by 49.4%, another 30.9% felt the commission fair, 6.1% judged it as too lenient.

A similar figure — 48.7% — thought the commission was too harsh towards Eitan, with 5.5% thinking it was to lenient, 26.4% that it was fair.

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Cypress new PLO centre; propaganda efforts under way

BONN [JTA] — Cyprus is becoming the new centre of Palestine Liberation Organization propaganda since the PLO was ousted from Beirut last summer, the daily Die Welt reports.

According to the paper, the PLO has established, at great expense, a new information and communications centre in the Greek part of the island which is partially occupied by Turkey. It has already moved its news agency, Wafa, to Cyprus along with various publications.

It is now trying to get the Cypriot government to grant a license to the PLO radio station, The Voice of Palestine, so that it can resume broadcasts which previously emanated from Beirut.

Die Welt reported that several Arab governments are pressuring the Cypriot authorities to deny the license because they fear renewed PLO broadcasts would encourage subversive elements within their own borders.

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Weizmann's Prof. Leo Sachs

Israeli geneticist wins prize for leukemia research

NEW YORK —

Prof. Leo Sachs, who first demonstrated how leukemia cells in culture could be changed back into normal cells, last week received the sixth annual Bristol-Myers Award for Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Research.

The head of the department of genetics at The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, Sachs received the $50,000 cash prize at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

"Prof. Sachs' landmark discoveries suggest a possible new approach to cancer treatment — one based not on killing the cancer cells but on actually reversing the malignant process," said Dr. Saul A. Rosenberg, professor of medicine and radiology and chief, division of oncology, Stanford University School of Medicine. Rosenberg chaired the 11-member award selection committee.

Unlike normal cells, cancer cells usually do not differentiate into specialized cells that perform specific functions within the body. Sachs first identified a protein that controls differentiation in normal white blood cells and showed that it can also normalize leukemia cells.

This protein is now called the "macrophage/Granulocyte inducer," or MGI. When added by Prof. Sachs to myeloid leukemia cells in culture, the MGI switched on the process of cell differentiation and the cells changed from malignant to normal.

Sachs was also the first to develop a technique for cloning normal white blood cells in culture and the first to show that cells in culture became cancerous when exposed to environment agents like chemicals and X rays.

Until the early 1960s scientists lacked the technology to study the changes a normal cell undergoes when it becomes malignant.

"Experiments on cell transformation in living animals were difficult to interpret, so we developed cell culture techniques that made it possible to do experiments too complicated to perform on animals," Sachs said.

As a result of his studies on what happens when normal cells are exposed to carcinogens, other investigators began to use this approach to explore the relationship between the environment and cancer. Later, the Sachs group and others showed that a cell became cancerous only if it divided more than once after exposure to the carcinogen.

In his studies on changes on the properties of myeloid leukemia cells, Sachs has shown that what appeared to be the same disease in different animals and humans may actually have been produced by different biological irregularities.

"This has implications for the way we diagnose and treat leukemia patients," he said. "It may enable us to design more specific treatment that corrects the fundamental defect."

Sachs left his native Germany for England during the Hitler era. He received a Ph.D. in plant genetics from Cambridge University in 1951, and he went to Israel in 1952. He originally intended to join in establishing an agricultural kibbutz. Instead, he accepted an offer to help establish the biological sciences program at The Weizmann Institute.

His earliest research was on chromosome evolution in plants and mammals. In 1955 he developed the technique of amniocentesis, which enabled doctors to determine a child's sex before birth by studying fetal cells. This technique is now widely used to determine genetic defects of the fetus as well as its sex.

In 1960 Sachs established the department of genetics and virology at Weizmann. He was named a full professor in 1962 and is now Otto Meyerhof professor of biology and head of the department of genetics.

The author of more than 280 scientific papers, he is a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and an honorary member of the Harvey Society in New York.

The Bristol-Myers Award is an annual prize to a scientist who has made "a unique contribution of fundamental or clinical cancer research."

Israeli court— life sentence for Goodman

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Alan Goodman, a 39-year-old American-born immigrant, was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Jerusalem court last week for murder and attempted murder on April 11, 1982, when he fired an automatic weapon at Moslem worshippers on the Temple Mount and later resisted arrest.

Goodman, who is from Baltimore and was serving in the Israel army at the time of the shooting, had pleaded not guilty on grounds of insanity. But the panel of three judges found that although he suffered from a "borderline personality disorder," he was legally sane and responsible for his actions.

The life sentence was pronounced for the murder of a Moslem worshipper, Mohammad Salah Yamani. Goodman was given an additional 20-year sentence for attempting to kill four policemen who arrested him. It will run concurrently with his life sentence.

Goodman addressed the court calmly after the verdict was announced, calling it a travesty of justice and a "shame on Israel." He said the verdict "gave the stamp of approval to Arab murders."

A few moments later, as he was escorted from the courtroom by police guards, he erupted into a screaming tirade against Arabs.

Goodman's lawyer said he would appeal the verdict and the sentence.

Small German community registers population decline

BONN [JTA] —

The Frankfurt-based Central Welfare Office of Jewish Communities in West Germany has reported a very small drop in the number of Jews currently registered in the federal republic.

They total 28,202, 70 fewer than were registered as of July, 1982.

The number is expected to decline further.

The largest Jewish community is in West Berlin where 6,548 Jews are registered, followed by Frankfurt and Munich.

Lithograph by Moshe Pereg

"The State of Israel...will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel" From the Israel Declaration of Independence, May 14, 1948.

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Editorial

Israel at 35

Israel has come a long way since those hectic days in 1948 when seven Arab armies were poised to snuff out the first independent Jewish polity in 2,000 years.

In the early stages of the Milhemet Ha-Shihrur, the War of Independence, invading Arab forces working in concert with their Palestinian Arab cousins nearly succeeded in cutting the country into two.

Had that tactic been achieved there is no telling what might have been the fate of the Yishuv. Due to a combination of many elements, including a ferocious will to surprise, the Jewish defenders fought off the rapacious Arab drives and won an important victory.

Thirty-five years later those heroic men, women and children have built a state which is infinitely stronger than the fledgling which came into the world in 1948.

Its strength, of course, has been tested in combat on at least seven different occasions. The result has inevitably been the same — the rout of Israel's Arab antagonists.

Despite the admirable military achievements and the present security of Israel, the state is undergoing a disquieting crisis of conscience. The Lebanese invasion, the parlous economic conditions, the rift between the Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities, the rancorous rhetoric that fills Knesset debates — these are merely some of the symptoms of the unease which besets Zion.

This is the inevitable consequence of the birth defects that occurred in the casting of the Jewish state. Given the disparate nature of the population, the external pressures and, most important, the democratic ideals to which Israel is wedded, it is hardly surprising that the country is constantly being buffeted by civil perturbations.

A superficial glance at the cacophony of voices conveys the impression of a state in disarray, of a nation teetering on collapse. This would be a serious misreading of the tenor of the times in Israel.

Those who know the country well understand that Israel's vigorous democracy can stand up against the expression of dissent. The recent report of the commission probing the Shatila and Sabra refugee camp massacres is an unprecedented example of the resilience of the Jewish state, and of the Jewish spirit.

Yet we know that the full flowering of that spirit will not come about until Israel is released from the impedimenta of defence. Peace alone will be the salve to smoothen out the ridges in Israel's moral topography.

That is our fondest hope on Israel's 35th Independence Day.

Never forget

Major gatherings in Washington this week and in Warsaw next week are marking the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising — a brave but tragic resistance which has become a modern chapter in the history of the Jews.

The significance of the memorial gatherings in Warsaw and in Washington and, indeed, of the hundreds of other memorials held throughout the world is clear: Jews — and the rest of mankind — must never forget the Holocaust. Those who lived through the terrible Hitler days are dying off and their children are now carrying the burden of recalling this episode in our history. But the children can't do it by themselves. All of us must join in, year after year, to say kaddish for the millions who perished. There can be no letup in this sacred task.

Jewish immigration, land purchases stirred antagonism

Roots of Arab-Israeli dispute run deep

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER
[First of two articles]

The Arab-Israeli dispute, which has spawned one war after another, is older in origin than is commonly imagined.

One tends to think that Arab nationalism was aroused by the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the document in which Britain promised to work for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

There is no doubt that the Balfour Declaration fanned Arab bitterness. But, as Neville Mandel writes, the roots of the conflict are deeper than one assumes and predate the Balfour Declaration.

In The Arabs and Zionism Before World War I [University of California Press, $4.95 paperback], Mandel, a historian, states that the upsurge of Jewish immigration to Palestine in the early 1880s triggered Arab antagonism.

Arab notables in Jerusalem, he points out, sent a telegram to the Ottoman Turks (who administered Palestine) asking them to put an end to Jewish immigration and land sales to Jews. The year was 1891. Eight years later, the president of Jerusalem's municipal council, a Moslem, wrote to the Chief Rabbi of France and advocated that Zionism, "in the geographic sense of the word," be stopped.

In the Ottoman parliament, in which all minorities from the far-flung empire were represented, Arabs agitated against Zionism. By 1914, Arabs beyond Palestine were well informed of Zionism and its goals, and anti-Zionist societies had been formed in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Nablus, Haifa, Beirut, Constantinople and Cairo.

On the eve of World War I, Palestine's population was estimated to be about 500,000, of whom 415,000 were Arabs — Moslem and Christian. The majority of Arabs were fellahin, or peasants. They tilled the land, and were plagued by poverty, ignorance and illiteracy. The Arab elite, consisting of a small group of families, were mainly wealthy landowners.

Of the 85,000 Jews, 35,000 were recent arrivals from the pogroms of Russia. Approximately 12,000 Jews lived in agricultural settlements, and the balance resided in Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias, Safed, Jaffa and Haifa.

Although Jews streamed into Palestine from the 1880s, they were technically in violation of Ottoman law: Jews could settle anywhere in the empire but Palestine, provided they did not live in concentrated groups.

Faced with constant rebellions by minorities, the Ottomans feared that Jewish settlers would precipitate yet another unwanted nationality problem. The sultan, Abdulhamid, was concerned about the loyalty of his Arab subjects, so he sought to enact policies that would win him popularity among them.

Last, but not least, Abdulhamid was not keen about an influx of more Europeans into his crumbling empire. European immigrants, he knew from bitter experience, were Trojan horses of Western imperialism. Countries like Russia, Britain and France enjoyed, and abused, extraterritorial privileges under the guise of "protecting" their nationals.

And yet Jews made it to Palestine, bribery (baksheesh) being endemic. Jews, for example, could buy land in the name of Ottoman Jews, or they could enter Palestine overland via Egypt. Jewish colonies grew in spite of the restrictions and, by 1897, the founding of the Herzlian Zionist movement, there were 18 such settlements throughout Palestine.

Most Jewish colonists, Mandel notes, were surprised to find Palestine to be inhabited by so many Arabs. They believed, naively, that they were coming to a barren, empty land.

The land wasn't all barren

Lacking a knowledge of Arabic, and moving very much within their own colonies, the Jews were slow to perceive what the Arabs thought of their presence in Palestine.

Day-to-day relations between Jews and Arab peasants were generally good. Jews gave them jobs as field hands and paid them well. However, problems emerged. Fellahin molested Jews, uprooting their saplings, damaging their crops and stealing their livestock.

These incidents, Mandel believes, stemmed from several reasons. Jews, being unaware of local custom, offended Arab sensibilities by taking a dim view of trespassing Arab shepherds. Neither, Mandel says, did they understand that theft was part and parcel of village life in Palestine.

More important, perhaps, Arab peasants began to be influenced by the anti-Zionist press. From 1909, Arabic newspapers opened their columns to news about Zionism. The British consul in Beirut wrote that "the local fellahin in general . . . regard the steady influx of Jews as a menace to their own rights and privileges."

With the passage of time, the Arabs became convinced that Zionism was a threat. They believed that the Jews wanted a state, not merely a homeland. They felt that Jews were flagbearers of great power influence in Palestine. They resented their use of Hebrew, and Arab merchants, in telegrams to the sultan, expressed their fear of Jewish economic competition.

Negrib Azoury, a Maronite Christian from Beirut, is touted by Mandel as being the first Arab publicist to predict that Zionism and Arab nationalistic aspirations would clash. In Le Reveil de la Nation Arabe, which Mandel describes as a minor classic in Arab nationalist literature, Azoury claimed that the Jews sought to resurrect their ancient kingdom.

According to Mandel, Azoury was not just an anti-Zionist — but an anti-semite. Le Reveil de la Nation Arabe, he says, is "permeated" by European anti-semitism. Azoury picked it up in Paris during the Dreyfus Affair, and Mandel claims that other Arabs in Palestine who shared his prejudices learned them from Catholic missionaries.

In Mandel's view, the most active and vocal Arab anti-Zionist prior to 1914 was a Protestant editor of Greek Orthodox background named Najiib al-Khuri Nassar.

It isn't odd that Christian Arabs like Nassar, or Azoury, took up the cudgels on behalf of Arab nationalism. Being members of a religious minority group, they felt the need to prove to their Moslem neighbors that their "credentials" as Arabs were as good. (It is no different today. Among the most vociferous voices within the PLO are those of Christians.)

Nassar, who was born in Tiberias, edited the Haifa newspaper, al-Karmil, and published the first book in Arabic on Zionism.

Nassar ruled against land purchase by Jews, oblivious to the fact that Jews were returning to their ancestral homeland. Complaints by Jews against articles in al-Karmil poured in, and the authorities suspended publication. The complainants charged that Nassar was sowing discord between Jews and Arabs.

He was arraigned in 1909, but acquitted on the ground that he had the best interests of the empire at heart. Explaining the court's verdict, an official commented that "he attacks Zionism alone, rightly so . . . all these trivial words in his articles are of no consequence."

Encouraged by the decision, Nassar pressed on with his campaign, until the Ottomans announced their intention to pass new legislation to buttress old laws against Jewish immigration and land purchase.

They were willing to appease the Arabs because they had gotten wind of a new twist in Arab-Jewish relations.

A few Arab nationalists, watching the inexorable decline of the Ottoman empire, decided the time had come to press for Arab independence. Previously, they had been loyal to the concept of Ottoman citizenship.

To achieve their objective, some Arabs were willing to co-operate with Zionist Jews. Rashid Rida, a prominent Egyptian nationalist, held conversations in Cairo with Nissim Malul, a Palestinian Jew, about the possibility of an Arab-Jewish entente.

The purpose of these talks, Rida explained, would be to free Palestine of the Turkish yoke.

The Turks had nothing to fear, since an Arab-Jewish entente never materialized.

Arabs and Jews were already on a collision course . . . long before Arthur James Balfour affixed his signature to the Balfour Declaration.

The national dispute pitting Jews against Arabs in Palestine had budded and would soon bloom.

Arab peasants in Bethlehem, early 1900s

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Independence Day April 18

Religious and lay celebrations mark this special day

By
DR. DAVID GEFFEN

The 35th anniversary of the proclamation of the State of Israel falls this year on April 18. Various ceremonies will mark this day both in Israel and the rest of the world.

Israel itself has monumental celebrations in the streets of every city, town, village and settlement. There is singing and dancing, and fireworks fill the air. The prestigious Israel prizes are awarded to outstanding personalities and the finals of the annual International Bible Contest for young people take place in Jerusalem.

Another facet of the day's celebrations are the special religious services created to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut, the newest of the holidays in the Jewish calendar, and the only one in the last several hundred years to have an official service prescribed for it.

Traditionally, the Day of Independence begins with the kindling of the beacons at Mount Herzl in the presence of the President of the state. While many watch this ceremony on TV, there are thousands of Israelis who are in synagogue participating in the festive ma'ariv (evening) service.

Participants are encouraged to wear their holiday finery and to attend prayers wherever they may be. Opening with Psalm 107, the emphasis at the outset of the service is the fact that God has gathered His people from all the lands:

". . . from the east and west, and from the north and south . . . The Lord has brought us in from the wilderness into this land of habitation."

This is followed by Psalms 97 and 98, better known for their inclusion in the Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday night. In the 97th Psalm the emphasis is on the thought that:

"Those who love the Lord hate evil. God watches over the souls of the righteous — delivering them out of the hand of the wicked."

What is clear in both these Psalms is that the Day of Independence is a day which should be linked with God's benevolence to His people throughout the ages.

At this juncture in the service several verses from Lecha Dodi are recited, beginning with the one entitled: "Hitorari — arouse thyself, arouse thyself." However the chorus is taken from the Psalms:

"This is the day which the Lord has created, let us rejoice and be glad thereon."

This is a line traditionally used to mark special occasions in the Jewish calendar and it is most appropriate on Independence Day.

The regular evening service then commences. Following the silent amidah (standing prayer) and the kaddish after it, the ark is opened and everyone rises. The watchword of the Jewish people, the Shema; "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God — the Lord is One," is entoned by the person leading the service and then everyone repeats it in unison.

The phrase "The Lord He is our God" is repeated three times by the entire assembly.

Now a very climactic moment is near at hand. The prayer "Me sheasah nissim — He who performs miracles," is recited. This is followed by a passage from Numbers 10:9:

"And when you go to war in your land against the adversary that opposes you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets and you shall be remembered before the Lord your God and you shall be saved from your enemies."

The passage continues:

"Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed seasons and in your new moons, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the Lord your God."

Following the recitation of this passage, a mighty Tekiah Gedolah (prolonged note) is sounded on the shofar. With tears in many eyes, fostering the realization that they have been granted the opportunity to live in this age and in the land of Israel, all who have heard the sound of the shofar respond:

"Leshana haba'a beYerushalyaim hebenuyah — Next year in Rebuilt Jerusalem."

The Shir HaMa'alot, Psalm 126 is sung to the tune of Hatikvah, (the national anthem), and the service is concluded with Ani Maamin (I believe) and the greeting for joy and complete redemption.

The custom in many Israeli synagogues is for all the families in the congregation to come together to eat a festive meal. Appropriate songs are sung and candles are lit. Throughout this entire evening service and the festive meal, an attempt is made to place Yom Ha'atzmaut firmly in the framework of the annual festivals (chagim).

On the morning of Yom Ha'atzmaut the service is highlighted by the recitation of the Hallel. Composed of a number of beautiful Psalms the Hallel is recited on all of the pilgrimage festivals, on Chanukah and at the beginning of each month. The prayer traditionally begins with blessing as prescribed by Jewish law, but there is a debate about its recitation on Yom Ha'atzmaut. This depends on whether the establishment of Israel is considered miraculous or not.

For those who have lived through the Holocaust and the birth of the state, there is certainly an aspect of the miraculous present, and similarly for those of us who have lived through Israel's growth during these past 35 years. Be it miraculous or be it by force of human will, the establishment and the continued growth of Israel is an event to be marked both by religious exultation and by joyous celebration.

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Amen.

Warsaw cry: Defend yourselves!

In the early years of the World War II, the Nazi occupying force in Poland believed it could destroy the 500,000 Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto through starvation. In 1941 and 1942, 80,000 died in this fashion. However, it soon became clear that this sort of death was too slow and too incomplete. On July 22, 1942, therefore, deportation to the concentration camps began — the so called "resettlement" of the Jews.

A number of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto now began to organize resistance and a small amount of weapons was smuggled in to them. Their first armed action occurred in December 1942. With only 143 revolvers, one machine gun, and seven rounds of ammunition per weapon, they overcame the guards at a prison in one of the ghetto streets and freed 100 Jews bound for Treblinka.

As the new year began, SS Chief Himmler had his own ideas. Ten thousand Jews had been exterminated by the summer of 1942 in the ghetto proper. Himmler wanted to be rid of the 70,000 Jews still left there.

On Jan. 18, 1943, the German soldiers surrounded the ghetto and ordered the deportation of a number of workers. The ghetto fighters were caught by surprise, but nevertheless fought back, urging all who could join them in this struggle: "Do not resign yourselves to death. Defend yourselves, grab an axe, an iron bar, a knife. Let them take you this way if they can."

For two days the battle raged. With their tiny quantities of primitive arms, the Jews in the ghetto killed 20 Germans and wounded 50, but they themselves sustained heavy losses, with over 1,000 dead; 6,500 were rounded up and sent to the death camps.

"But the action electrified the Ghetto," Holocaust historian Nora Levin writes. "The myth of Nazi invincibility crumbled. . . . These first shots of revolt showed Jews that they could kill Germans."

The Jewish Fighters' Organization, the JFO, was mainly composed of Zionist groups — Poale Zion, Hashomer Hatzair, D'ror, Betar and Gordonia — along with Bundist and Communist elements. It constructed an intricate infrastructure of underground cellars and tunnels, linking the various commands and defence posts. (The Nazi commander of the enemy action, SS Major-General Stroop, said later there were 631 bunkers . . .) There were also outlets to the Aryan side of Warsaw outside of the ghetto, though it was perilous to try and use them.

As they prepared for the final battle, whenever it might come, the fighters made one major outside patrol on March 6 when the SS storehouses were set afire.

Passover was now approaching and preparations had to be made for this festival of freedom in spite of the captivity surrounding them. Matzoh was baked — some wine was hoarded; the bunkers were given a spring cleaning.

On April 19, Passover eve, at 2 a.m., the German forces encircled the outer ghetto walls. Mordecai Anielewicz, the 24-year-old commander of the revolt, was in the headquarters bunker at Mila 18, and he had carefully organized his fighters for the attack.

At 4 that morning an estimated force of 5,000 Germans began to move in, and at the Mila — Zamenhof intersection a hail of bullets, grenades and bombs rained down on them. The German troops scattered in confusion. Tanks were brought in, but using gasoline bottles and Molotov cocktails, the Jewish fighters knocked out one tank and turned back several others. In those areas of the ghetto where the fighters were concentrated, they put up stiff resistance against the heavily armed German soldiers.

Illustration from 1946 survivors' Haggadah shows child being separated from his mother in a concentration camp. [WZPS photo]

When the Germans realized that they could not take the ghetto as easily as they had thought and planned, they withdrew, attacking the ghetto hospital in retaliation and murdering the patients.

On the second day a crack German force was sent into the ghetto. Howitzers and field artillery were trained on building after building and blasted away. A major stronghold, the brushmakers' section, would not yield. A second day had passed and still the ghetto had not fallen.

Mordechai Anielewicz described the feeling of the defenders when he wrote to Yitzhak Zuckerman, his second in command: "What we have lived through after the two days of defence, defies description in words. We must realize that what has happened has exceeded our most audacious dreams. The Germans twice fled the ghetto — I have the feeling that what we have dared is of great significance."

Stroop now sent in more men, more tanks, armored cars, and flamethrowers. The Germans set fire to entire blocks of buildings, turning the whole ghetto area into an inferno.

Three days had originally been planned for the ghetto's annihilation, but it was clear that this schedule was impossible.

Stroop reported that it was very difficult to capture the Jews.

Faced with this determined resistance, Himmler gave the order on April 23 "to complete the combing out of the Warsaw Ghetto with the greatest severity and relentless tenacity."

To implement this order Stroop decided that the only way to finish off the Jews was to set fire to every block in the area. Using boring machines, poison gas, and flamethrowers to finish the job, he was sure he could flush the fighters out.

But still they resisted day after day. Deep in the bunkers they even celebrated May Day but on that May 1, 1,000 Jews fell in battle — "not a single one gave up voluntarily," according to the Germans.

On May 8 the command post in the bunker at Mila 18 was attacked. Many were killed by arms and gas grenades; 60 were captured after hours of fierce fighting and 21 escaped while German efforts were concentrated on another exit.

Mordecai Anielewitz, himself, fell in the command bunker apparently after a decision by some of the fighters to take their own lives rather than be captured by the Nazis.

Sporadic resistance continued until May 16 when after a month of the fiercest fighting imaginable, Stroop could finally report: "The former Jewish quarter is no longer in existence; 56,065 have been exterminated and 5,000 to 6,000 were killed in explosions or fires." What he failed to report was that several hundred German soldiers had also been killed.

World-National

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Kalischer was born April 16, 1795. He, along with Judah Alkalai, rabbi of a Sephardic community near Belgrade, were among the first to press for Jewish resettlement of the Land of Israel.

Alkalai, scion of a venerable rabbinic family stemming from pre-expulsion Spain, was born in Sarajevo, in 1798. The Balkans were the scene of nationalist struggle among Serbs, Croats, Greeks, Bulgarians and Romanians seeking their own territories from the Austro-Hungarian and Turkish empires.

Kalischer was born in Posen, a city in the long-disputed border area between Prussia and Poland. The community straddled the widening gap between the more modern Jews of Germany and the staunchly traditional communities to the east.

In their different locales, both spiritual leaders reacted in the same way to the same kind of nationalist pressures.

The Damascus affair — a blood libel in 1840 that saw Western influence indifferent to prolonged community suffering in the French-controlled Arab city — sparked Alkalai to interpret traditional doctrines according to contemporary developments. In his Minchat Yehuda [Offering of Judah] he argued that Redemption would have to be preceded by initial resettlement of the Holy Land and an adequate agricultural base with which to support the messianic influx.

In a similar vein, Kalischer interpreted the Redemption as a human process made up of two ingatherings. "The function of the first will be to pioneer the land, after which Israel will blossom forth to a most exalted degree," he wrote.

Both men argued squarely from talmudic and biblical sources, and took great pains to avoid the charge of trying to hasten the Messiah.

Alkalai advocated the use of Hebrew for resettlement. The traditional view, that Hebrew as the holy tongue should not be profaned by every day use, did not apply to the Redemption, he said. "Each Jewish community speaks a different language and has different customs . . . [Without Hebrew in Israel] we would not be able to speak to each other, and such a divided community could not succeed."

Both men independently proposed that land be bought in Israel and systematically developed in order that present and future generations be self-supporting. The idea, incorporated in official Zionism decades later, anticipated the Jewish National Fund.

Kalischer advocated a farming school in Israel. This was taken up by the France-based philanthropic network, the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which founded the Mikveh Israel agricultural college near Jaffa in 1870.

Using a novel interpretation, Alkalai said that the Messiah son of Joseph who is traditionally supposed to precede the Messiah son of David would come as the result of political unification. Elders from each community, men of "piety and wisdom" chosen by "our greatest magnates" would form a body of leaders whose emerging head would fulfil the traditional role of directing the ingathering.

In 1874, at 76 years of age, Alkalai settled in Jerusalem and continued to press for the necessity of human action to precede Divine efforts in the process of Redemption.

Kalischer traveled across Europe to promote the same idea, in public speeches and articles in Hebrew newspapers. He cautioned Reform rabbis not to abandon Zion-oriented aspirations. At the same time, he disputed with other traditional rabbis, including those already living in Jersualem, the belief that the Redemption could only be initiated through a direct intervention by God.

Kalischer and Alkalai's ideas formed a basis of Zionism, snubbed by traditional circles until Mizrachi, the religious Zionist movement, was founded some 30 years after they died.

Sorrowful anniversary in Poland

[Cont'd. from page 1]

1969, approximately 30,000 Jews left Poland after the eruption of a thinly-veiled anti-Zionist campaign that critics said was anti-semitic. Poland today is home to an estimated 6,000 Jews. In 1939, Poland had 3.3 million Jews. The Nazis killed nine out of 10 Jews in Poland.

(In December of 1981, Warsaw Radio carried a 1-hour interview with a Polish professor who approvingly quoted anti-semitic material from a nationalist publication. In the same year, a shadowy anti-semitc organization, called the Grunwald Patriotic Union, mounted a well-publicized demonstration in Warsaw.

(Polish authorities deny they have used anti-semitism as a political tool. Gen. Jaruzelski has reportedly said he would not permit anyone to exploit it.)

Dr. Israel Kugler, president of the Workmen's Circle, urged Jewish leaders not to be "lured by decent instincts" to Poland. He asked them "to renounce this cynical event for the cynical insult it has become to all those martyred and who have survived the Holocaust."

Kugler, in a widely-circulated statement, said that two of the leading figures associated with the organization mounting the commemoration — Association of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy — were in fact engaged in spreading anti-semitic propaganda during the late 1960s [CJN, April 7].

He was referring to Mieczyslav Moczar, who recently retired from his post as chairman of the Supreme Chamber of Control, a watchdog agency, and Voldzimierz Sokorski.

The Polish government has not responded to these accusations, and is planning to go ahead with the commemoration.

The official ceremonies will be preceded by a 3-day conference on "the genocidal policy of fascist Germany." The government expects a variety of scholars to discuss such issues as the mechanics of the Final Solution and Poland's contribution to the prosecution of war criminals.

• On April 15, the old Warsaw synagogue, partially destroyed in the war, will be reinaugurated after having been reconstructed by the authorities at a cost of more than $1 million.

• The following day, the State Jewish Theatre in Warsaw will give a performance, and on April 17, the Jewish Historical Institute will open exhibitions on "Jewish martyrdom" in Poland, and the Yiddish theatre.

• On April 18, there will be an exhibition of Judaica in Warsaw's National Museum and a seminar on the Warsaw Ghetto uprising at the Jewish Historical Institute.

• On the 40th anniversary day of the revolt, April 19, there will be a wreath-laying ceremony in central Warsaw.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[Editor's note: In the following letter, Robert G. Elgie, Ontario's minister of consumer and commercial relations, takes issue with a letter to the editor in the Feb. 10 issue of The CJN from Dr. Y. L. Gutzin and Harold H. Gutzin of Toronto.

The Gutzins claimed that the Ontario government, by its "illegal and absolute seizures" of Crown, Greymac and Seaway Trust properties, was "bludgeoning the corporate and civil rights of Leonard Rosenberg, et al."]

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Not Nazi-like

With reference to the Gutzins' letter, I have strong concern about their equating our government's recent actions with the murderous policies of Nazi Germany before and during World War II.

As a result of information received prior to Jan. 7, 1983, as well as information obtained following the Registrar of Loan and Trust taking possession and control of the assets of the three trust firms, it became clear that all three lacked a borrowing base to justify their continuing in the deposit-taking business from the public.

The government then had to determine how best to protect the interests of depositors and at the same time protect the legitimate rights or interests of shareholders and other creditors.

Adequate information on the financial status of Crown became available relatively quickly. It is not yet available for the other two firms.

Essentially, there were two choices.

The first, which was rejected, was to apply to the court to have Crown Trust Company wound up pursuant to existing provisions of the Loan and Trust Corporations Act.

If that had been done, the results would have been very substantial losses and long-delayed recoveries for uninsured depositors, a substantially greater loss of public monies through higher losses on insured deposits, the loss of many jobs at Crown, and no possibility of any recovery by preferred or common shareholders.

It should be emphasized that the existing legislation empowers the Registrar to do this, and had he done so, the company would have disappeared, but only at the terrible cost outlined above.

This existing power does not require that anyone be guilty of any breach of criminal law.

The justification for the action is the need to prevent further loss to others who might be tempted to deposit funds with the company, and to prevent loss caused by improvident investment of existing public funds that are on deposit with the company.

The other choice, the one which was taken, was to attempt to save as much of Crown's assets as possible.

This was best accomplished by placing them under the administration of another trust company.

To do this it was necessary to pass the Crown Trust Act, 1983. The agreement with the Central Trust Company made pursuant to that Act permitted the removal of the restrictions which had been placed on Crown Trust limiting the amount of withdrawal by any depositor, with the opening of business on Monday, Feb. 7.

This agreement, in time, will return about $20,000,000 to Crown Trust.

Crown Trust will continue to exist as a separate corporation with its remaining assets under the possession and control of the Registrar.

Any final surplus available from the realization of its assets, after the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation has been paid in full, will be available for the holders of preferred and common shares of Crown.

The Registrar is continuing the review of the other two firms. The government will decide on its further course of action when more information is available.

In conclusion, I believe the information that has been made public in recent weeks clearly substantiates the financial difficulties in which Crown Trust was placed. Had we not acted as we did, I believe the public loss would have been much greater.

Robert G. Elgie
Minister of consumer and commercial relations
Toronto

Papandreou urged to take an even-handed approach

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

TORONTO —

Greece's intervention into the Middle East conflict has been disproportionate, Jewish community leaders told Greek prime minister Andreas Papandreou during his recent visit to Canada (CJN April 7).

"His positions would not be as objectionable if they wouldn't be asymmetrical to Israel," said Irwin Cotler, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. "It is certainly his right to call for a Palestinian state, but he should also be taking the case to the PLO and using his friendship with Arafat to influence him towards peace."

Cotler and Anne Gross, vice-chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, spent 75 minutes with the Greek prime minister, foreign minister and ambassador to Canada at the Toronto Hilton Harbor Castle Hotel, urging them to take a more even-handed approach to the Mideast situation.

They said Papandreou's comparisons of Israel's actions in Lebanon to the Holocasut were offensive, and that his embrace of Yasser Arafat, and references to the PLO as "freedom fighters" could result in anti-semitic fallout in Greece.

But, Cotler told The CJN, the prime minister allowed that his comparisons were exaggerated, emotionally expressed in "the heat of the moment." He also promised to do his utmost to mitigate anti-semitism in Greece.

According to Cotler, Papandreou began the meeting by explaining his country's Middle East position, basing it on three main principles.

He said Greece supports Israel's right to exist in secure and defensible borders, but those borders should be determined by the parties involved.

"He made it clear that those borders should not be the present ones," Cotler said.

The Greek prime minister also reiterated his belief in the Palestinian right to self-determination and to a homeland, and his support for the territorial integrity of Lebanon.

Cotler said the prime minister implied he was taking an even-handed approach, but that too much emphasis was being placed on his Palestinian position. Papandreou claimed the PLO is willing to accept Israel, but political circumstances make it impossible now.

But Cotler, who was a colleague of Papandreou when they were both professors at Toronto's York University in the mid-70s, told the prime minister that his academic encounters with "senior PLO" representatives [prior to becoming president of CJC] had convinced him the sentiments contained in their covenant were deeply ingrained in their personal philosophy.

"Papandreou didn't dispute this point, but kept insisting he considered Arafat as a friend, and he believed he would accept peace if circumstances permitted."

Cotler said Papandreou was well-informed about the Middle East situation, and that his positions seemed genuine and long held, rather than politically opportune.

But, he added, the Greek prime minister seemed overly imbeded with the Palestinian point of view, and noticeably lacking the Jewish perspective.

This, he said, was the result of active and continued PLO political representations, together with the lack of similar activity by Israel and world Jewry.

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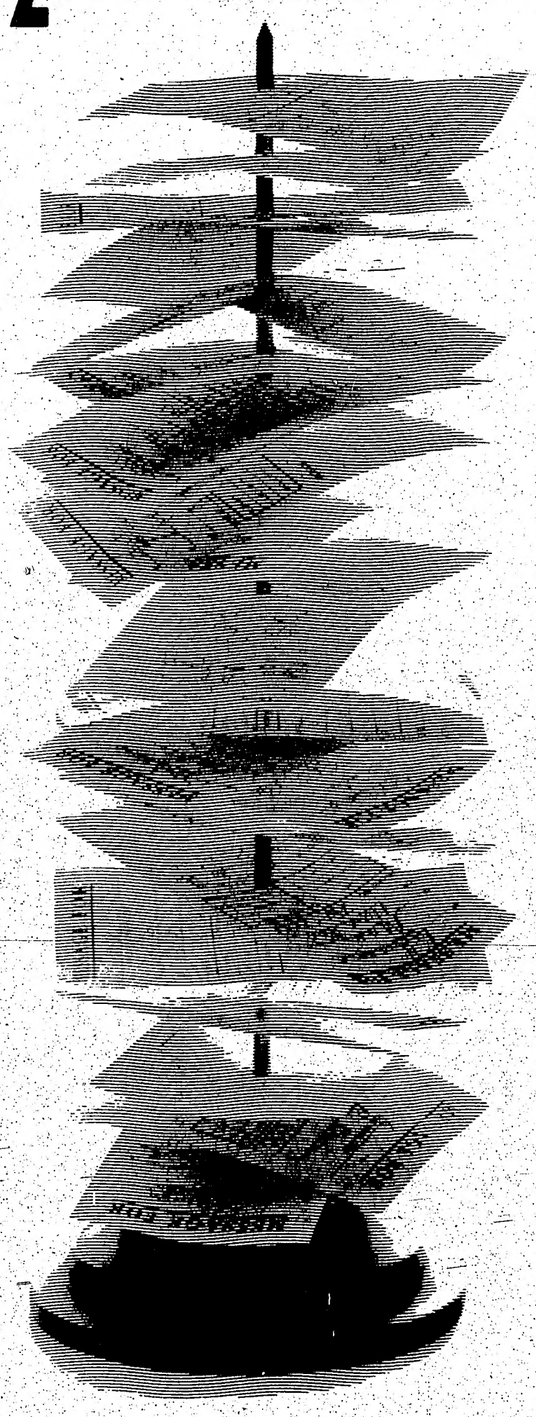

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World-National

Kremlin declares a political war against Jews

By
J. B. SALSBERG

On April 1 the world press carried the news under a Moscow dateline. But this was no April fool joke. It was a kremlin declaration of political war against Israel, the Jewish state and against world Jewry: the announcement of the formation of the "Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public" (CJN, April 7).

J. B. Salsberg

The leadership of the world Jewish community will be committing and unforgiveable sin if it treats that news as merely another anti-Jewish outburst from Moscow. It is, in my view, a crucial development — one that is pregnant with serious consequences for Jews everywhere.

Moscow never issues policy decisions flippantly. The public announcement of a decision is always preceded by the most serious discussion up to and including the highest levels of Soviet leadership. That is also true of the latest Moscow pronouncement. It is a declaration of political warfare that is ostensibly demanded by a pitiful group of Soviet Jews who have been chosen for this treacherous job as they were chosen, during Stalin's last day, to plead for the deportation of Soviet Jews to Siberia "for their own protection."

Significant is the fact that the present appeal for action against Israel and Zionism includes the name of Col.-Gen. David Dragunsky, twice Hero of the Soviet Union, who was sent by Moscow to Belgium to publicly agitate against the first Brussels world conference that raised the cry "Let my people go."

The April 1 Moscow communique states that a "group of prominent public figures" in the arts, military and sciences "urged all Soviet citizens to join a committee to work against Zionism and the crimes perpetrated by the Israeli government." (What a large committee that would be!) In the meantime, while a million-strong "committee" will be formed, the initiating group (mostly Jewish yesmen) appeals to the Soviet press, to "fully reveal . . . the anti-people and anti-humanitarian nature of the diversionary propaganda and policy of Zionism."

To appreciate the far-reaching nature of this kremlin-instigated war cry against Zionism (read, Jews) and Israel one has to recall that Soviet citizens (including the grandson of the legendary Maxim Litvinov) were arrested and deported for publicly protesting the Russian invasion of the "comradely state" of Czechoslolvakia. Also, that Scharansky and other Soviet Jews are tortured in Siberian jails for wanting to leave the oppressive land of their birth.

In the land where one of Russia's greatest scientist, Andrei Sakharov, has been silenced and exiled from Moscow because he persisted in his public advocacy for freedom of expression, in that atmosphere of oppression, a group of "prominent public figures" is given the freedom to speak out and to "enjoy" the freedom to form a nationwide committee to combat Israel and Zionism!

Those "prominent public figures," whatever their personal achievements, are not free people but government stooges chosen to signal the government's latest anti-Israel and anti-semitic political excursion. It is a new element in the Soviet's confrontation with the U.S. in the Middle East. It is, for us, a painful stepping-up of the cold war to an explosive degree in our own backyard.

It is done cynically by the kremlin, for whom we are expendible in the political battle with the U.S., the other superpowers.

Thinking of these ominous developments, I recalled one of our recent experiences with the kremlin.

A few short weeks ago, when Ariel Sharon was still Israeli minister of defence, he thought that he could exploit the Washington-Moscow rivalry at a moment when official Washington was extremely critical of him. At that time Sharon announced publicly that Moscow should reconsider its attitude to Israel.

I doubt whether he alarmed Washington with that publicized bit of wishful thinking but Moscow was quick in its negative reply to Sharon's entreaties. It was: no thank you.

Moscow knows that its potential allies in the Middle East are the most hostile anti-Israel Arab states and the kremlin underscores its latest treaties with Libya and Syria, Israel's major enemies, with the formation of its committee of "prominent public figures" [including "figures" of Jewish descent] to launch a political war not only against Israel but also against Zionism — which has become the substitute for anti-semitism.

This new development is a serious challenge to all of us. Our defence against the new threat lies not, in my view, in alliances with Russia's traditional enemies but in the development of a totally independent, statesmanlike Jewish course that is anchored on Jewish and Israeli present needs and long-term interests.

Our leadership in Israel and in the world community must, in my view, avoid provocations but chart a course that will keep all possible doors open to us and all avenues to the hearts and minds of fair-minded people open for our message of our reasonable, legitimate and fully supportable objectives.

It will not be easy but there is no simple or easy solution to the war cry that has come from Moscow.

Sephardim disenchanted with govt. policies: Profs.

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Although Premier Menachem Begin still enjoys great personal popularity in Israel, the popularity of his government's policies is declining, especially among the poor Sephardic communities which have been the backbone of Likud's support.

This was the analysis of two Israeli political scientists in a discussion arranged by the American Enterprise Institute here. The two professors spoke on the condition that their comments were not for attribution.

This new development has come about because the Sephardi poor are linking spending for the war in Lebanon and investment in West Bank settlements with the decline in social spending, one of the political scientists explained.

He noted that Israel is now suffering problems in the health, welfare and educational systems, as well as in the overall economy. This has affected the very poor people who have been the chief supporters of the Begin government, he added.

The professor noted that only last September, when some 400,000 people protested the government's then refusal to appoint a commission of inquiry into the massacres at the Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut, almost all of the demonstrators were Ashkenazim. But now, he said, Sephardim have emerged among the Peace Now protesters on the West Bank and in Jerusalem.

The slogans they carry say "More money for solution of social, domestic and communal problems; less money for settlements, less money for the military," the professor said.

He predicted that Israel was at the beginnings of "new groupings" in its political system.

Paris court finds newspaper innocent of anti-semitic charges

PARIS [JTA] —

A Paris court has dismissed "on basic legal grounds" a complaint lodged by the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism [LICRA] against the French daily Le Monde and its former editor, Jacques Fauvet.

LICRA had claimed in its plea that the daily had been guilty of "spreading racial hatred and anti-semitism" by publishing last summer a virulently anti-Israel advertisement. LICRA's lawyer and witnesses called by the organization told the court that anti-Zionism is tantamount to anti-semitism.

The court, however, dismissed the complaint, saying it was not justified on legal grounds as it did not fall under the specific law invoked by LICRA's lawyer.

The court added: "Moreover, it appeared from the court discussions that LICRA's own views on this subject are not shared by all of France's Jews."

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TORONTO — Over 30 scholars and writers from Canada, the U.S. and Israel will gather at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, from April 24 to 26 to participate in a conference on North American Jewish immigration, settlement and identity.

Sponsors of the conference are the Multinational Society of Ontario and the University of Toronto's Ethnic and Immigration Studies Program.

Robert Harney, program co-ordinator of the Ethnic and Immigration Studies Program said the conference will allow participants to compare aspects of the American and Canadian Jewish experience. "As well," he added, "participants will better understand what unites a people in Diaspora and what separates them as they acculturate to the ways of their new homelands.

The conference opens on April 24 at 5 p.m. at Carr Hall Auditorium (50 Joseph St.) and will focus on traditions and reality of modern migration.

Harold Troper of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education will speak about "Jews and Canadian Immigration Policy, 1900-1950." Lloyd Gartner of Tel Aviv University will discuss "Jewish Migrants en Route from Europe to North America" and Eugene Sofer, of Washington, will deliver a paper on "Emigration of Jews to Argentina."

Sessions on April 25 will be held at Carr Hall and OISE auditorium. Topics that day include "Fathers of Jewish Immigration and Ethnic Studies," "Studying Immigrant Settlements" and "Jewishness."

The last day sessions in the Carr Hall auditorium will be devoted to "Community Concerns and the Political Process," "Ethnoculture" and the "Jewish Experience in Canada."

Abe Arnold of the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties will deliver a paper on "New Jerusalem on the Prairies — Welcoming the Jews."

Stephen Speisman of Toronto Jewish Congress will speak about the early 20th century Jewish community in Toronto, and Roz Usiskin of the University of Winnipeg will focus on the Jewish experience in Winnipeg.

Early Zionism in Canada, the folk culture of Jewish immigrant communities and other subjects will also be explored.

All sessions are open to the public. Admission is free. However, an optional registration fee of $10 will entitle the registrant to a copy of the conference proceedings when they are published.

New director and program for kids at Camp Shalom

TORONTO —

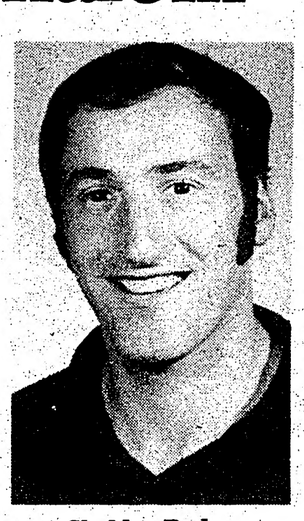
With a new director and a revamped activities program, Camp Shalom is gearing up for another season of summer fun on the shores of Muskoka Lake.

Sheldon Rodney, the new director hired for a 1-year term in February, brings with him over 20 years of camping experience. A high school physical education instructor who is married with two children, Rodney says he is looking forward to the challenge of directing Camp Shalom for the summer.

"It's a challenge to work with children and also a staff who want to lead and direct children. I want to provide them with ideals and values that will make their lives more interesting," says Rodney.

The camp was founded in 1948 and is sponsored by the Toronto Zionist Council and Hadassah-WIZO, and Young Judaea movement. The camp has a Zionist environment. The kitchen is kosher, under supervision of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Most campers attend for one 4-week period — either the month of July or the month of August — but some stay for the whole summer. The camp program is designed to make youngsters conscious of their Jewish origin and the place of Israel in their lives . . . with instruction in Hebrew a daily feature.



Sheldon Rodney

Rodney is extending the nature lore program, something he feels is important. "We will teach them about ecology and pollution, and how to identify wildlife," he says.

Other activities include swimming, tennis, photography, Maccabiah and Israeli dancing and singing.

"Our first priority is the Jewish experience," says Rodney. "We want to bring the kids into focus with Israel . . . show them how important Israel is to our lives."

The camp, which accepts youngsters from 6 to 14 years, is equipped with modern cabins, a large dining hall (recently renovated), a recreation hall and a new gazebo for rainy day activities.

The cost for a 4-week stay is $890 per child. Applications can be obtained by writing Camp Shalom, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto, or by calling 783-6744.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By Miriam Herman

YOUTH STUDY MISSION

The Beth Tzedec youth contingent participating in a pilgrimage to Israel this summer will be meeting for a study-orientation session on Thursday, April 21, with **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rothstein** (he is a former president of the congregation).

The 14 teen-agers will represent Beth Tzedec in the study mission which will be led by **Shimon Lipsky** of United Synagogue Youth International. Mr. Lipsky was the educational director of Camp Ramah in the Poconos.

The orientation session takes place in the synagogue board room at 5 p.m.

JEWISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Jewish Education Program (JEP) in co-operation with Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum College, is holding a spring semester of Torah classes preparing for Shavuoth. Classes will be held every Monday at 8 p.m. from April 18 to May 16. Topics include Faith and Revelation: What Happened on Sinai; Pirkei Avot: A Study in Jewish Ethics; the Book of Ruth in depth; Meaningful Prayer, and International Jewish Law.

Classes take place at Beth Torah High School, 410 Lawrence Ave. W. For information, contact JEP at 787-1681.

AT SHAAREI TEFILLAH

On Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation will conduct a special Orthodox-traditional Yom Hashoa Holocaust memorial service with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** and **Cantor Yitzchok Aptowitzer**. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, April 24, Shaarei Tefillah adult education committee opens its trilogy of public debates with The Peace Now Movement — A Fresh Approach or Dangerous Intrusion into Mideast Realities. Speakers will be Rabbi Stern; **Louis Silver**, Zionist leader, and **Melvin Shipman**, chairman of Canadian Friends of Peace Now. The time is 7.45 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Refreshments will be provided and there will be no admission fee or appeal.

For information, call 787-1631.

YOUTH ALIYAH LUNCHEON

Toronto Hadassh-WIZO celebrates the 50th anniversary of Youth Aliyah and the 35th anniversary of the State of Israel at a fund raising luncheon on Monday, April 18, at 12.30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Television personality **Monty Hall** is guest speaker. The luncheon charge is $12. Hadassah office number is 789-4373.

FUN AUCTION

For a real fun evening, complete with wine and cheese, an auction and dancing to the music of the **Larry Rodness** orchestra, drop in at the Canadian Weizmann League's annual fun auction this Saturday, April 16, at the Inn on the Park (Centennial Ballroom). Admission is $15 with a $10 tax receipt.

ON STAGE AT THE POSLUNS

Tom Topor's play, Nuts, goes on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre April 21 through to May 14. Nominated for a Tony Award in 1981 and soon to be a major motion picture, Nuts focuses on a sanity hearing at New York's Bellevue Hospital. This Canadian premiere is directed by **Reva Stern-Tward** and stars **Barbara Budd** and **David Clement**. It is presented by the theatre in co-operation with Art Theatre Production Company. Box office number is 630-6752.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale welcomes pregnant and nursing mothers to a discussion of Nutrition and Weaning on Monday, April 18, at 8.30 p.m. at 47 Stonedene Blvd. (west, off Bathurst between Finch and Steeles).

A league meeting is a get-together of mothers to share information and support for breastfeeding and related issues. Topics discussed include good nutrition for the family, introducing solid foods to baby, nursing the older baby and discipline. Babies are welcome at meetings.

For information about this group or another one in your area, call **Elaine** at 663-8003 or **Pam** at 663-7499.

ROCHESTER LILAC FESTIVAL

There are still a few vacancies left for the Rochester Lilac Festival trip on May 25 arranged by the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club. For information, call 663-0749 or 782-9394.

DOLLHOUSE AND MINIATURE SHOW

For something a little different, there's the Dollhouse and Miniature Show and Sale sponsored by Peterborough Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO on Sunday, April 24. It is the chapter's first attempt at this kind of a show and will have 40 dealers participating. It all takes place at Miss Diana Motor Hotel, Lansdowne St. E., Hwy. 7BE, Peterborough, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are $1.50 for adults ($2.50 for the preview from 10-11 a.m.) and 75 cents for children under 12. They are available from the Trent University Bookstore, Uptown Silk Shoppe or at the door. For information phone (705) 742-4403.

ALL-DAY ART TOUR

The Koffler Gallery of the Koffler Centre of the Arts at the Jewish Community Centre has come up with another one of its interesting out-of-town art tours. This one is a 1-day trip to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo on Tuesday, May 24, to view the Milton Avery-Retrospective exhibition.

Organized by the Whitney Museum of American Art, this large retrospective includes 85 paintings, 40 works on paper and 16 self-portraits. The artist's subjects are familiar — landscapes, domestic interiors and figures. The guided tour will be given by artist-gallery owner-teacher **Jack Pollock**.

Bus will leave from the Koffler Gallery at 8.30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Cost is $27 for JCC members and $29 for non-members. Contact **Jane Mahut** at the gallery at (416) 636-1880.

CANADIAN CRAFT SHOW

The Canadian Craft Show's fourth annual winter's end show and sale is scheduled for April 20-24 at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Park. One-of-a-kind handcrafted clothing, fashion accessories, handcarved furniture and art from the finest Canadian artisans will be exhibited. There will be some 200 craftspeople represented.

An art and decor section includes watercolors, oils, pen and ink drawings, metal and wood sculptures, handwoven wall fabrics, handcarved towel racks and handcrafted wood furniture.

Fashion items include handknit sweaters and jackets, smocked children's wear, handmade lacy lingeries, handpainted silk knit blouses and gold filigree jewelry.

BETH SHOLOM BREAKFAST CLUB

The Beth Sholom Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club meets on Sunday, April 17, at 10 a.m. to hear Ontario Health Minister **Larry Grossman** talk about Health Care Planning in the 1980s — A Political Perspective. This is a joint meeting with the Beth Sholom Seniors group.

JUDAIC ART EXHIBIT

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaica Textiles will be displaying works of Judaic art at Baycrest Centre's Heritage Museum in the lobby of the Jewish Home for the Aged from April 17 to June 15. The exhibit opens Sunday, the 17th, from 3-5 p.m.

THYROID FOUNDATION MEETING

Dr. Heather Morris, obstetrician and gynecologist at Women's College Hospital, is guest speaker at the upcoming meeting of the Thyroid Foundation of Canada, Metropolitan Toronto Chapter, set for Saturday, April 16, at 2 p.m. at Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Her topic will be Gynecology and Thyroid Disease. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For information, call 663-7029 or 249-2397.

HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

If you are thinking about a Sunday school for your youngsters for next fall, the Hillel Children's Workshop invites you to drop in and see what the school is all about. An alternative, co-operative Sunday school, it is located at the University of Toronto campus and is affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education. In addition to the school program, the agenda includes adult discussion groups and holiday celebrations. For details, contact the co-ordinator **Michael Ryval** at 481-9595.

SOLEL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

This is a milestone year for Solel Congregation. It marks the Mississauga synagogue's 10th anniversary and a committee has been formed to plan appropriate celebrations. And in addition, proof of the viability of the Jewish community there, was the recent announcement that the 200th membership unit had joined the congregation.

THE GREAT PSYCHOFF

If you have ever wondered about psychic powers, you may get some answers at the debate sponsored by FOSTER (Friends of Science, Technology, Engineering and Research) on Thursday, April 14, at 9 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre. The subject: Can Psychics Prove That They Have Para-normal abilities? with **Yogi Narayani,** known as the businessman's psychic, being challenged by **Henry Gordon**, mentalist-magician, author, lecturer, broadcaster and psychic debunker.

Moderator is TV news anchorman **Gord Martineau** and judges are prominent figures in the fields of law, science, medicine and the media. The second half of the program is to be televised live on City TV.

Tickets at $4 may be obtained at Ticketron outlets and at the door. All proceeds will go to registered charities. For information, contact **Dorothy DesRoche** of FOSTER at 274-0351.

IF YOU LOVE THIS PLANET

Temple Emanu-El's Shabbat service on Friday, April 22, will include the screening of the National Film Board's If You Love This Planet, a powerful documentary on the consequences of nuclear war. The time is 8.30 p.m.

DUAL LOYALTIES

Dual Loyalties: An Ethnic, Religious and Political Challenge is the topic of the panel discussion sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood on Sunday, April 17, at 8 p.m. at the temple. Representatives of the Black, Italian, Chinese and Jewish communities will be participating. Panelists include **Lloyd Perry**, official guardian for Ontario; **Maria Minna**, executive director, National Congress of Italians; **Alderman Ying Hope**, and **Prof. Seymour Friedland**. Event is open to the public and admission is free.

ART HAPPENING 83

Internationally known artist **Mary Vickers** will be on hand at the 15th annual art sale and auction presented by Adath Israel Sisterhood and Brotherhood on Sunday, April 17, at the synagogue. Her well known poster, Children of the World, is a special feature of the show and she will be at the previews from 2-4.30 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m. and at the auction to sign each poster that is purchased. The auction begins at 8 p.m.

Exclusive international, Canadian and Israeli works of art are featured at the show including a large selection of **Sandu Liberman's** work.

Admission is $5 per person and includes refreshments and door prizes. Proceeds go to Sisterhood and Brotherhood projects and local and Israeli charities. For additional information, call the synagogue office at 635-5340.

THE LATEST IN FASHIONS

An exciting spring and summer fashion show has been arranged by Pioneer Women Na'amat for Sunday, April 17, at the home of **Louise and Murray Cornblum** in The Bridle Path area. This beautiful home will be a graceful backdrop for the elegant fashions provided by Alton-Lewis with commentary by **Beverly Kelly**.

The fashion show together with a dessert luncheon will cost $10 with proceeds going directly to charity. It all begins at 12.30 p.m. and the show is at 2 p.m. For further details contact **Elizabeth Litowitz** at 783-5353.

Renana Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO's annual tea and fashion show, Spring Fling 83, is slated for Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview. Tickets are $10 and include door prizes, auction and refreshments. Proceeds go to Youth Aliyah. For information, call the president **Diane Pasternack** at 494-9851 or **Rachel Press** at 638-2347.

Both men and women are invited to attend the evening of festivities and fashions staged by Temple Sinai Sisterhood on Sunday, April 24, beginning at 7.30 p.m. at the temple. Women's fashions are by Kathy Jean and the men's by Harry Rosen. Tickets are $7.50 per person and include refreshments. For advance tickets call **Millie Pasternack** at 481-3593, or they will be available at the door.

KOSHER COOKING CLASSES

A reminder that the Canadian Jewish Congress spring series of kosher cooking classes gets off to a start with Series S — Simple and Elegant Dinners — a 3-session series on meat and pareve recipes. It starts April 26 and will run for three Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 at BAYT (Beth Avraham Yaakov Congregation), 51 Bevshire Circle (north of Steeles off Bathurst) in Thornhill. The cost for the series is $50. For information and registration details, call Kosher Information Service of the Orthodox Division at 977-0050.

AVIVA ART SHOW

Saturday, April 23 is the date of the 31st annual Aviva Art Show and Auction of contemporary Canadian art being held at Simpson's Arcadian Court on the 8th floor of the downtown store. The entire collection is on view now in the Arcadian Court foyer until the day of the auction.

On April 23 the preview and silent auction of graphics commences at 6 p.m. with the auction of paintings and sculptures at 8 p.m. The admission of $5 includes coffee and refreshments following the auction, and an opportunity to win a door prize.

As an additional service, the Arcadian Court will be open for buffet dinner prior to the show — by reservation only. Those interested phone 861-6611.

The art show is sponsored by Aviva and B'Not Aviva Chapters of Hadassah-WIZO. For tickets, call 884-5597.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baycrest Centre needs sales-oriented volunteers to run its new and next-to-new Opportunity Shop. People who are outgoing and enjoy meeting the public would be most suitable. This volunteer position would particularly appeal to retired men and women. If you are availabale one day a week from Sunday to Friday, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

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DANCE FEST AT YORK

The Jewish Community Centre Neurim Dance Group performing at the Ontario-wide rikudiyah held recently at York University. There were 373 participants in this event.

Organizations and People

DIABETES TALK AT ASSOCIATED

The staff and 125 Grade 9 junior high students of the Associated Hebrew Schools were addressed recently by Dr. Charles Hollenberg, senior physician of the Toronto General Hospital, and Dr. Ellen Warner, an Associated alumnus and valedictorian class of 74, on the history and research of diabetes. From left to right: Joe Leibovitch, science teacher; Dr. Warner; Levi Jacober, principal emeritus; Dr. Hollenberg; Lucy Glass, school nurse, and Jospeh H. Rosenfield, principal, general studies.

INTER-FAITH DINNER

The 17th annual dinner of the Brotherhood Interfaith Society, held at Shaare Zedek in Vancouver recently, was hosted by the Lion's Gate B'nai B'rith. Ben Wosk [far right] of Vancouver received the B'nai B'rith Man of the Year Award. Among those honoring Mr. Wosk are [left to right] British Columbia Lieutenant-Governor Henry Bell-Irving; Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan; Nathan Nemetz, Chief Justice B.C. Court of Appeal, and Lieut.-Commander Dick Vogel, aide-de-camp to the lieutenant-governor.

What's New

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The Leukemia Research Fund needs taggers, ages 10 and over, to help on the annual tag day, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or as much time as they can spare. Taggers are also needed for the downtown area on Friday, April 22. If you are interested, call 783-5838 or 633-4335.

Project Connect needs telephone volunteers to provide callers with crisis intervention emotional support, information, referrals and details of Jewish singles activities. If interested, call 497-4494 or 497-4393 for information and interview.

ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE

An antique show and sale is being held at Hillcrest Mall, 9350 Yonge St. in Richmond Hill on Sunday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everything from jewelry, china and furniture to clocks, dolls and tools will be presented by the 60 selected dealers. In addition there will be jewelry appraisal, bake sale and restaurant and food services. The sale is sponsored by the Richmond Hill-Thornhill Area Family Service Volunteers. Admission is $1.

SINGLES

The Jewish Community Centre Singles [25-35] will be bowling on Sunday, April 17, at 5 p.m. at York Bowl, 545 Wilson Ave. Look for **Helen**.

The JCC Singles [35-49] celebrate Israel's birthday with a birthday cake and a movie on Monday, April 18, from 8-10 p.m.

Beth Tikvah Chai group [35-55] meets on Sunday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in the lower assembly hall of the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Guest speaker **Lillian Messinger** will discuss Reorganizing Your Life By Yourself. Mrs. Messinger is a researcher at Clarke Institute working with people who have to face a single life or perhaps a second marriage. Fee for members is $3 and for guests it is $4.

Beth Tzedec Chaverim [25-45] have arranged a walking tour of old Jewish Toronto for Sunday, April 17, at 10.30 a.m. Tour takes an hour and a half. Meet at the Kiever Synagogue at Bellevue and Denison Square. The charge is a $2 donation to the Kiever Synagogue's restoration fund.

Total Living Singles 40 + membership dinner is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, at 5.30 p.m. This is for paid-up members only. Reservations are a must. For information and reservations, call **Pearl Ginsberg** at 782-4674.

Adath Sholom Singles [20-45] has two special programs to celebrate Israel's 35th anniversary. On Saturday, April 16, at 9.30 a.m. there will be a special Shabbat service for singles led by **Rabbi David Cooper**. Then on Sunday, April 17, there will be a brunch at 11.30 a.m. followed by a film and presentation on Israel at 12.30 p.m. given by **Gil Kaynan**, deputy director, Israel Government Tourist Office.

Rabbi Cooper will also discuss and distribute the itinerary of the Israel trip he is leading July 25-Aug. 10. An October Israel trip is also scheduled.

Meetings take place at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. near Wilmington. For information, call **Stan** at 733-0977 or Rabbi Cooper at 635-0131 (days) and 633-2865 (evenings).

The Solelim and Adath Sholom Bridge Club meets for contract bridge every Monday evening at 7 at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. near Wilmington. All levels and all ages are welcome. For further details, call **Jerry** (on Sundays only) at 787-4352 or **Stan** at 773-0977.

On Friday, April 15, **Mingles** (formerly of Shalom Productions) is presenting an "exciting singles sensation" with dancing and the Rothman's Light Show along with lots of free gifts from Rothman's. The time is 8.30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 1677 Wilson Ave. near Jane. Couples welcome. Tickets are $5 at the door. For more information, call 633-5251.

Re-Connect, a life-skills, self-help group for recently separated and divorced Jewish women encourages self-growth in an atmosphere of mutal sharing and support. The group will be meeting Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 from April 27 through June 8. The fee is $15 (non-refundable). It is sponsored by Project Connect and the northern group services of the JCC. Call 497-4494 for information and registration. Pre-registration is required.

If you are going through an initial crisis associated with separation, divorce or widowhood, ask about Project Connect's one-to-one program that will connect you with a volunteer who has experienced a similar situation. Call 497-4494 or 497-4393.

Holy Blossom Single-Single Parents D and M session (discuss and mingle) is set for Thursday, April 14, at 8 p.m. at the temple. Topic is Second Families. Cost is $2 for members and $3 for guests.

North-East Jewish Single Parents Group has arranged a family program for Sunday, April 17, from 2-4 p.m. at Seneca Village Community Centre, 1700 Finch Ave. E. It is an Israel Independence Day celebration with a special party and crafts, games and snacks. Fee is $1 per family (members) and $2 per family (non-members). RSVP by calling **Susan Levine** at 889-0813. . . . The general meeting on Wednesday, April 20, features guest speaker **Harold Troper**, co-author of None is Too Many. The time is 8 p.m. at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St. (north of Finch). Fee is $2 for members and $3 for non-members.

AT THE JCC

The Israel Independence Day folkdance party at the Jewish Community Centre northern branch takes place Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. This will be an all request program. Admission is $3 (registered members, no charge). For further information, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 339.

PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) is presenting a lecture on Layman and the Computers with **Prof. Martin Lamb**, University of Toronto. Prof. Lamb will discuss the sociological and psychological implications of computers and how they will affect our lives in the next decades.

This is a kickoff lecture for future computer programs at the JCC. It takes place Tuesday, April 26, at 7.30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre. Admission is $3 for JCC members and $3.50 for non-members. Call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880 for further information.

Don't forget the annual student exhibition of drawing, painting and ceramics continues at the Koffler Gallery until April 21. The design, stone sculpture and calligraphy exhibit opens April 25 and runs to May 5.

The JCC Bloor Branch held its first People Program recently with a great cross-section of the JCC turning out to meet some of the Bloor branch department heads. On hand to explain the individual responsibilities and programs were **Jack Siegel**, chairman of group services, who was master of ceremonies; Bloor branch director **Irwin Soren**; **Helene Comay**, nursery school director; **Joan Schoenfeld**, Sunday school director; **Tom Singer**, director of physical education; **Mark Egan**, director of group services, and **Annabel Cohen**, co-ordinator of the People Program.

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is holding a dance at Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. (at Sheppard) on Saturday, April 16 from 8-11 p.m. Dance to the music of **Maurice Turk** orchestra. Admission is $3 and refreshments will be available. For information, call 636-7856, Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Jewish Community Centre Good Age Group has a program entitled Speak Up-Write Down which offers seniors the opportunity to improve their speaking and writing skills in six lessons, beginning Monday, April 18. For members there is no charge. For non-members the fee is $6. For information and registration call 636-1880, ext. 234. . . .

The Good Age Group is now accepting reservations for four upcoming trips — Artpark, July 10-12, with meals, tours, shopping and Hello Dolly; The Pines, July 4-11, a full week in the Catskills; Western Canada, Aug. 8-28, sightseeing and hotels, and Israel for Succoth and Simchat Torah Sept. 19-Oct. 10. For information, call the above number.

The North-East Seniors Club is offering a new 10-week program, exercise for health with **George Anthony**, beginning Monday, April 18, from 2-2.30 p.m. at Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie St., north of Finch. . . . The Yom Ha'atzmaut program on Monday, the 18th, presents the Zemerlach singers in songs of our people. That's at 2.30 p.m. following the exercise program at the library. For more information, call 889-0813.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Arpil 19, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment by the Baycrest Entertainers — The Great Memory Machine, in a presentation of The American Dream — Bankrupt. Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Also on Tuesday, the 19th, the **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50** will be having singer **George Frank** as guest artist at the meeting. He will present a program of Jewish, Israeli and Broadway melodies. Meeting begins at 1.15 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served. Everyone is welcome. Non-members are charged $1.

The Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Alliance has social gatherings every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except Shabbat and holidays. . . . Luncheon meetings with a program are held once a month at 11.30 a.m. . . . An active chess club continues under the leadership of **Ben Piotrokowsky** and tournaments are arranged from time to time. . . . The **Gershon Grossinger** cultural circle meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon where current events and literary themes are discussed by members present. Everyone is welcome to come.

At the next meeting on April 19, **Mayer Mandell** will speak about Yom Ha'atzmaut. The chirman of the cultural group is **Nachemia Knobel**. . . . All meetings are held at 272 Codsell Ave. Downsview.

At the Wednesday, April 20, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni**, the JCC Singers will perform under the direction of **Esther Gan Firestone**, accompanied by **Sara Barkin Sandler**. Meeting is called for 1.30 p.m.

At the Wagman Centre — The Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations on Sunday, April 17, start out with residents' lunch with Israeli music in the dining room at 12 noon. This will be followed by the program from 3-4 p.m. which includes the residents' salute to Israel; Neurin, the JCC dance group directed by **Teme Kernerman** with artistic director **Rivka Atzmony; Cantor Efraim Sapir** in a program of Israeli songs, and **Faigel Gartner** at the piano, and Israeli dancing by youth from Ulpanot Orot and Or Chiam Schools. . . . The Tuesday evening program on April 19 features singer **Mona Brown** accompanied by **Dorothy Sandler-Glick** from 7.30-8.30 p.m. . . . The Jewish Communities in Distant Countries series continues on Wednesday, April 20, from 2-3 p.m. with The Jews of Kaifeng with **Donna Wise**.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Atkinson College-Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living lecture series continues on Thursday, April 21, with The Broadway Musical: Eighty Years Young by **Prof. Rose Stuart**. That's at 10 a.m. at the centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

The debating club begins April 15, and will meet every second Friday from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the music room. The club will focus on the form and skills of debating pre-set topics. The first meeting on the 15th will host a pair of experienced debators who will demonstrate debating techniques.

The Wednesday afternoon general meeting and social on April 20 will be a Yom Ha'atzmaut luncheon featuring the Heritage Singers with greetings from **Gil Kaynan**, deputy director, Israel Government Tourist Office. There will be a charge of $3.50 for the luncheon.

A reminder that the Sunday Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, April 17, at 11 a.m. presents humorist **Sonnee Rosen**. The cost is $3.50 per person.

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Organizations and People

Essay contest for potential olim— 1st prize is 2-week trip to Israel

NEW YORK —

The North American Aliyah Movement is sponsoring its first international aliya essay contest, open to potential olim from Canada and the U.S.

First prize is an all expenses paid 2-week trip to Israel on any NAAM seminar. Second and third prizes include a variety of 220-volt appliances.

Topic and suggested title of the essay is "Return to Israel — Return to my Homeland — Why?"

Submissions are to be typed, double-spaced with the applicant's name, address and phone number on the top right hand corner of each page. Essays are to be a minimum of 1,000 words.

The deadline for all submissions is May 1.

Essays will be judged by a NAAM committee. The winner will be announced at the NAAM national convention to be held the weekend of June 3-5 at Grossinger's hotel.

Essays should be mailed to: NAAM Aliyah Essay Contest, c/o NAAM, 515 Park Ave., New York, 10022.

NAAM is a grassroots organization of 3,000 individuals who plan to make aliya. It sponsors 50 local chapters in 37 cities in Canada and the U.S. where future olim meet for relevant workshops, lectures and seminars.

Jewish song contest announced

HALIFAX —

The Samuel Jacobson Foundation for Jewish Culture has announced that $2,000 in prizes will be awarded at the 1983 World Jewish Song Festival to be held in Montreal.

All types of songs on a Jewish theme are acceptable: lullabys, love songs, ballads, songs about peace, Israel, religion, history, destiny, personal feelings and experiences, Holy Days, etc., in Hebrew, English, French, Yiddish or Ladino.

"The World Jewish Song Festival is a testimony to the unity of the Jewish people. Although scattered around the world, we are one nation, diverse and colorful, but united in common ideals and destiny. The festival is a bridge between our people, reflecting the hopes and aspirations, the pride and joy, the fears and agony of Jews in all corners of the earth," said organizer Peter Smolash of Montreal.

For the fourth consecutive year, a worldwide search is being conducted for the most gifted songwriters to submit original compositions. Ten finalists will be chosen to gather at the Expo Theatre in Montreal next fall.

The deadline for submission of songs is Aug. 31. For application forms or information, write to the World Jewish Song Festival, c/o Peter Smolash, 5025 Plamondon Ave., Montreal, H3W 1E9. Telephone [514] 342-0441.

About People

HOME-SITTING SERVICE

Vinetta Makkreel, a meals-on-wheels volunteer, has set up a service that can help you if you intend going on holiday. She has a roster of 50 senior citizens in her Toronto Home-Sitting Service, 559 King St. E., telephone 463-7141. For a fee of $20 per day plus three meals, they'll live in your house while you're away, taking care of it, collecting your mail, taking phone messages and watering plants.

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TENNIS CANADA APPOINTMENT

Lawyer **Edwin Goodman**, senior partner in the Toronto law firm of Goodman and Goodman is one of five new members named to the board of directors of Tennis Canada, the overseeing body for tennis in Canada.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Arthur J. Goldberg, former justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and former ambassador to the United Nations, has been selected to receive the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Distinguished Service Award. It will be presented at the organization's 52nd convention being held May 1-5 at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, N.Y.

Arthur J. Goldberg

Mr. Goldberg, who is being recognized as a "public servant, scholar, teacher and humanitarian," was President John Kennedy's secretary of labor prior to being named to the Supreme Court bench. He resigned from the bench to become U.S. ambassador to the UN where he served for three years.

A dedicated Zionist and active in Jewish affairs, Mr. Goldberg was president of the American Jewish Committee and has served as chairman of the board of overseers for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

KEREN HAYESOD CHAIRMAN-ELECT

Mendel Kaplan of Johannesburg was unanimously named chairman-elect of the world board of trustees of the United Israel Appeal-Keren Hayesod at its recent meeting in Jerusalem. Mr. Kaplan assumes office in June succeeding Torontonian **Phil Granovsky** who served in this post since the establishment of the board in 1978.

The UIA-Keren Hayesod world board of trustees is made up of heads of Keren Hayesod campaigns throughout the world and Israeli representatives, primarily members of the WZO executive.

1983 AYERST AWARD WINNER

Jack Fred Greenblatt, 36, a professor in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research at the University of Toronto, is the 1983 winner of the Ayerst Award, the most prestigious award offered by the Canadian Biochemical Society. The annual award was established to recognize outstanding fundamental research by a biochemist under 40 years of age.

Prof. Greenblatt will be presented with the award when he delivers a lecture during the society's annual meeting being held this year at the University of Ottawa, June 13-17.

WITH THE ARTISTS

A 2-woman show opens at the McDowell Gallery Thursday, April 21, with paintings by **Judy Sale** and sculpture by **Joyce Green**.

Judy Sale has been showing her colorful abstract paintings in Toronto since 1980. Her new work explores the images of a year spent in England.

Joyce Green is a sculptor working in stone, alabaster and marble. Her work is often described as "rhythmical and sensuous," inspired by dance, the sea and natural elements.

The show continues at the gallery, located at 2629 Yonge St., until May 3.

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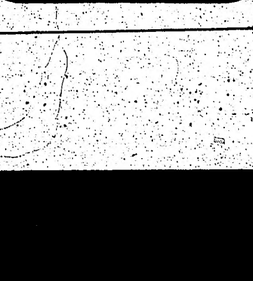
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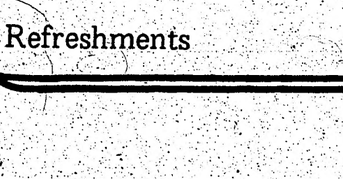
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Organizations and People

An upgraded family tradition

10-year-old boy chess champion

By
GARY COHEN

Chess whiz Henry Segal studies next move

TORONTO —

If chess is known as the game of kings, then 10-year-old Henry Segal must be something of a young prince.

A grade 5 honor student at the Neptune branch of Associated Hebrew Schools, Henry is a disarming young man with a chipmunk smile and good-natured features which still seem to be encased in a hint of baby fat.

But, in front of a chess board, there's nothing childish about him. Henry is a picture of concentration who relishes in beating the pants off anyone — other children and adults alike — who sits down across the board from him.

Henry's panache on the chess board is something of an upgraded family tradition. As a young boy growing up in his native Ireland, Henry's father, David, who works as an internal auditor for a local pharmaceutical wholesaling company, learned to play chess from **his** father.

Although David's dad was only a middle-of-the-road player, the young man pursued his interest in the game by playing at the English-Jewish boarding school he attended and then went on to play in local competitive tournaments around his home town of Dublin. By his own admission, David never excelled at chess. But when he had a son of his own he passed his knowledge of the game on to Henry.

Today, David says, "if I make a mistake while playing Henry I never recover. He's got me beat."

The father and son play three or four games each weekend, allowing them to share a common interest and keep sharp around the board. David says he wins a few and loses a few. But when one suggests he may not win many more as time goes by, there's little argument.

Henry has played chess from the age of 5. His success at the game began when he was a 7-year-old while still in Dublin. (The family left soon after. "Dublin's a nice place, but the small Jewish community was shrinking and we wanted to broaden our horizons," David explains.) There, Henry won a second prize medal in the under-12-year-old chess tournament at the Maccabi Junior Chess Club. Carefully ensconced in a small plastic case, the medal is a prized possession.

When Henry and his family (David, mother Ruth — an expatriated Israeli who has also lived in England, Ireland and Germany and currently works as a freelance legal and medical translator, and sisters Deborah, 13 and Ilana, 6) arrived in Canada three years ago, his interest in chess continued. Although he was only 8 years old, he was allowed to join the Associated chess club.

There his peers were junior high school students who ranged in age from 13 to 15 years. But Henry emerged as one of the club's top players. He was so good, in fact, that this year special dispensation was made based on his ability and he was given a spot on Associated's 5-man chess team.

Playing against older players from various schools around the city, he has been winning steadily. So steadily that he has remained undefeated and recently helped lead his team to victory in the North York Chess Challenge.

Soon, the Associated team will take part in the Metro Toronto Chess Championships. For Henry it will be another opportunity for just showin' off. It's something he obviously likes to do.

As with many boys his age, Henry is interested in sports, has a coin and stamp collection and is an avid reader of detective novels. (Hardy Boys and Sherlock Holmes are his current favorites.) What might set him apart is his penchant for solving puzzles.

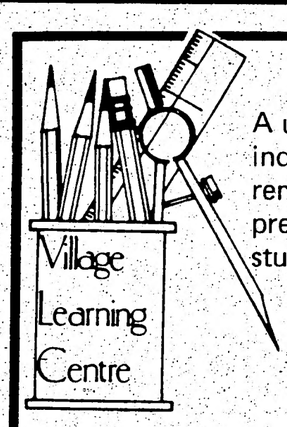
His skill with the popular Rubik's Cube has drawn the admiration of his schoolmates and made him the Associated champ. A Yorkdale shopkeeper, spotting Henry solving the cube with speed and aplomb, even paid him to stand in front of his store and baffle intrigued passersby.

Every day, as a form of relaxation, he solves chess problems which are printed in various newspapers and later often applies the tricks he has learned in matches. At a recent Associated open house he defeated all comers who visited the chess club exhibit. One gets the feeling that Henry views each new opponent and game as another puzzle to be solved.

All of which is not to say that Henry is overly cocky. His parents quickly attest to the fact that he is a level-headed youngster. But he just seems to enjoy the challenge and the element of surprise that he elicits from other players.

"Henry beats everyone the first time he plays them. Everyone is surprised by his age," his parents testify. Cool under pressure and confident, he maintains the upper hand.

Henry confirms that his size and years often breed over-confidence and a derisive attitude in his older opponents. But the flak is worth it when he sees the look of shock on their faces after he has outplayed them. More often than not, the irreverence dissolves into respect.



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Organizations and People

At Holy Blossom lectures

Zionism's role will be discussed

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —
What is Zionism and what does it mean for Jews now that there's a State of Israel? That is the question to be addressed in a series of six lectures at Holy Blossom, beginning April 15.

"We don't want to look at politics, but rather Zionism as a concept. Everyone knew what it meant prior to 1948, but once you have a State of Israel — **then** what does it mean?" explains Rabbi Steven Garten, one of the lecturers in the series.

The question of a reaction to Zionism was precipitated by the Jewish community's reaction to the war in Lebanon, says Garten.

"Mostly, we were concerned with the variety of reactions the war produced. For the first time there was no unity among Jews about Israel," he says.

Two committees at the synagogue, the continuing education committee and the Israel/Diaspora committee, combined to create the series because they "wanted to spend a significant amount of the spring providing opportunities for people to do some studying about Zionsim and its relation to modern Jews."

Dr. Bernard Avishai, who begins the series this weekend, will speak on Zionism; Yesterday's Hopes, Today's Analysis. His three lectures will centre on Theodore Herzl and Ahad Ha'am and what each represented as a Zionist.

On April 25 Rev. Stanford Lucyk will speak on the Christian perspective of the creation of the State of Israel.

"We didn't want a Christian response to events in Lebanon, we wanted their reaction to the creation of Israel — what did it mean to them. We really don't have any idea," says Garten.

One of the important issues the series will explore, says Garten, is the question of whether all Jews are Zionists.

"The PLO has always made the distinction of Zionism as a political philosophy. But, there is an assumption that if you are Jewish, you are automatically a supporter of the state. Now, whether that makes you a Zionist is unclear," Garten says.

The purpose of the series is to pique one's curiosity, suggests Garten, "in the hopes that you will return in the fall for a more indepth study of the question."

"We know how the question of Zionism affects us throughout the world, but the one thing we want to try and do through this set of studies is to explore how it affects Jewish identity. What component of your identity as a Jew revolves around the idea of Zionism? How do you put it in a personal perspective?" concludes Garten.

For more information regarding the series, which is free, call the synagogue at 789-3291.

Lectures planned on East European Jewry

TORONTO —
Montreal - born Michael F. Stanislawski, assistant professor of history at Columbia University in New York, will deliver a series of lectures at a Beth Tzedec weekend program starting April 29.

These are the inaugural lectures in memory of Moshe Weisfeld.

The general theme will be Jewish Life In Eastern Europe: Myth And Reality. The synagogue will conclude the lecture series with an 8 p.m. showing on May 1 of the documentary film, Image Before My Eyes.

Stanislawski, an historian with three degrees from Harvard University, received his PhD in 1979 after being the recipient of major academic awards including fellowships from the Canada Council and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

Stanislawski has used his expertise on Polish and Russian Jewish history on behalf of a number of institutions. He is a consultant to the Association of Jewish Book Publishers and participated as an advisor to the Jewish Book Exhibit at the recent Moscow International Book Fair.

In the near future the Jewish Publication Society of Philadelphia will be publishing Stanislawski's The Transformation of Jewish Society in Russia, 1825-1855.

Stanislawski is also editor of Kritika: A Review of Current Soviet Books on Russian History.

Telephone system becoming popular

TORONTO —
Howard Goldberg, 31, the Toronto-based sales manager of Canadian Telecommunications Group (CTG), says it's now officially verified.

A year ago, his Canada-wide interconnect telephone company won the Canada-Israel Trade Award because it was using the Israeli-manufactured Key BX Telrad telephone equipment.

Now, says Goldberg, the Israeli consulate has introduced the CTG system to its offices in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

Goldberg says that business at the 3-year-old company, headed by Ed Lavin and Vincent Servello, has been better than expected. It will be grossing well over $45 million this year, and it has installed more than 2,000 systems, he added.

New clients include Shopsy's new deli at Yonge and Front, Loblaw's, Zeller's, and the Oshawa Group.

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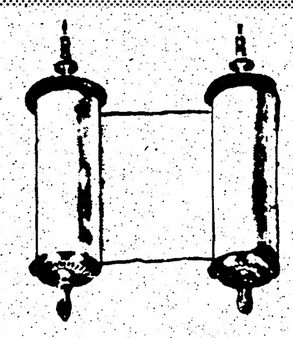


sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Tazriah/Metzorah

Sometimes tzorus befall a person, G-d forbid. But the worst problems are the ones we cause ourselves.

No one can hurt us as much as we hurt ourselves.

In the old days, when a Jew committed many sins, he went to a rabbi to learn how to do teshuvah.

For example, a Jew came to Reb Eliyahu Gutmacher of Graydetz to receive a tikunei teshuva for all his transgressions. As the rabbi studied a sefer to see how to proceed, the man started listing his aveiros, sin after sin, transgression after transgression, a whole shopping list!

The rabbi interrupted him: "My son," he said, "you've confessed to me more than enough. But one thing I don't understand. What great hurt did the Al-mighty do against you that you sinned so much against Him?"

Time flies and we walk in a dream. We do the same things over and over again. We say there is time. But when will we do teshuva?

Said one tzaddik: "It is a custom today that when a chassid goes to his rebbe, he tells him all the good things he does. Reb Shlomo of Karlin used to do the opposite. The good things he used to hide — after all, can a rebbe reward him?" It was the faults and sins that he revealed, like Jews in ancient times who showed their blemishes to the kohain so they could be healed!

* * *

All other tzorus are not tzorus — everything that happens has a kernel of light and blessing in it. But sometimes we can't see it!

Consider: In ancient Israel, there were forms of plagues that could strike a person, or even his house. If he saw reddish or greenish streaks in his house, he would go to the kohain and say: "K'negah . . . It seems like a plague in the house." In the end, the stones of the house had to be cut out.

But why should stones be struck with plague — what did they do?

Explains the Medrash: for 40 years the Amorites hid gold in the building walls of Eretz Yisrael. When the Jews came, they couldn't find it. But what happened? Came a plague to the walls, the stones were excised and there: a pot of gold!

The same way, explains the Aish Kodesh, a Jew perceives a plague striking him, G-d forbid. Things look bad . . . and yet hidden in the walls of troubles is a golden blessing. A person gets ill, and learns what life means. You lose one job, you find a much better one. G-d is everywhere. A Jew never said — negah! I have a plague. He said k'negah . . . it looks like a plague, it looks like trouble . . . and yet there is hope. Where there is G-d and Torah and mitzvos, there is light and life and hope and laughter.

A certain Jew who liked the bottle took yet another drink.

His wife screamed at him: "You're a drunk like Lot."

Answered he: "If I'm Lot, then you're his wife. Why don't you turn into a pillar of salt?"

No salt, no tears and no tzorus. May we all be blessed. Shabbat Shalom.

Her chalah covers at craft show

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Suzanne Miller doesn't really make much profit from the $15 silk-screened chalah and matzoh covers she hand paints with pink and brown flowers and Hebrew inscriptions.

"I get my reward by imagining all the people I've sold them to uncovering my works of art every Friday evening," she says. "It reminds me of the scene from Fiddler On The Roof, where everybody in the shtetl says prayers over the Sabbath candles.

"I also love the human contact of meeting young couples at craft shows, who tell me how much my Judaica art means to their Yiddishkeit. I get a lovely feeling from that. It makes all the lonely hours of fabric painting in my studio worthwhile."

Suzanne Miller will doubtless be meeting many of her fans at the fourth annual Winter's End Canadian Craft Show, being held April 20 to 24, at the Queen Elizabeth Building in Exhibition Place.

She is one of the 200 artists from across Canada who will be exhibiting their handicraft before more than 23,000 persons expected to pay $3 each to attend the 5-day fair.

The 39-year-old Willowdale artist, who has taught stitchery and fabric collage at Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools, will also be exhibiting her $110 fabric paintings and $15 silk scarves and assorted silk decorator cushions vivid with primary colors.

She is probably best known for the 4-by-5-foot blue fabric collage titled Tishri — the first month of the Jewish year — showing birds and flowers and fruit of Israel which she designed and the women of the sisterhood embroidered as a wall hanging for the main lobby of Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation.

"I'm proud of my Jewishness, proud to be part of a continuum of Jews, past and present," says Miller, who has painted since the age of 3 and is presently studying design with Renata Realini at the Koffler Centre for the Arts. She shares her love for "making things" with her three daughters, 8 to 14, and her husband, Lorne, executive director of the Baycrest Centre Foundation.

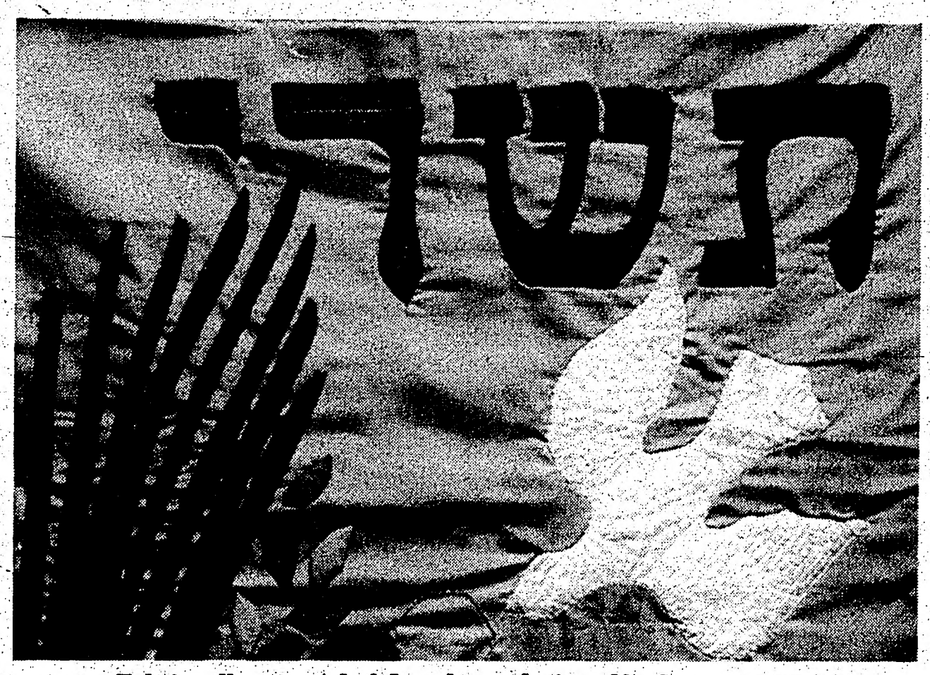
She says her sense of being linked to the Jewish past was strengthened a few years ago when she and her family made a trip to Israel. She filled several sketch books with drawings, and they inspire her when she creates fabric paintings with machine embroidery.

Most recently, she was commissioned by Israel-born dentist Dr. Abraham Kohl to create for $1,500, four fabric collages — dominated by a large lemon-yellow moon — to hang in the waiting room of his Toronto office.

Also participating at the craft show will be the Toronto husband-and-wife team of silversmiths, Barry and Arlene Goodman, who will be exhibiting their silver - and - rosewood menorahs and candlesticks.

Barry Goodman's prize-winning work includes a breast plate for the Torah at the Temple Tikva in St. Catharines, Ont., and a piece in the permanent collection at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Museum.

For information about the craft show, telephone (416) 960-3680.



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Organizations and People

But Canadian Jews more Orthodox than U.S.

Jewish experiences are becoming more similar

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

While the American Jewish experience differs significantly from that of the Jews in Canada, these differences may eventually disappear, an audience at a recent JCC Cultural Arts program at Shalom Village was told recently.

The speaker was Dr. Milton Plesur, professor of history at the State University of New York at Buffalo and author of the recently published Jewish Life In Twentieth Century America: Challenge An Accommodation. The Canadian response was given by McMaster University sociology professor Dr. William Shaffir, a co-author of The Canadian Jewish Mosaic.

Concluding his brief and admittedly "superficial" overview of recent American Jewish history, Plesur stated that economic comfort, evidence of religious affirmation, the strengthening of Jewish identity "and relating it to increased secularization," together with a significant contribution to America's cultural health "indicate a relative hopefulness for the American Jewish community." The "most glorious chapters" in Jewish history, he added, may not be in the past "but may well be in the future."

The obvious need after World War II "for a replacement in the world Jewish political scene of the strong matrix that was the European Jewish community" gave rise to the United States as the single most important area of Jewish life, said Plesur.

There are almost six million Jews in America — almost 3% of the U.S. population — with most of them living in New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago and Miami, in that order.

General economic comfort and affluence brought the inevitable move to suburbia where "a kind of cultural and religious return to Judaism" has been the result of the "pressures of suburban togetherness."

Symbolically, he said, "the Jew is still in the shtetl but the shtetl is the golden shtetl or ghetto to a large extent."

While Plesur discussed the "stereotypical" rise of the U.S. Jew to middle class respectability from his original factory, wage-earning occupation at the turn of the century, the Jewish family's "legendary" reputation for stability — no longer what it used to be but still fewer problems than other groups — and the "epochal, great role" of the Jews in the development of American culture, Dr. Shaffir declared that Canadian Jews "are just more Jewish than American Jews."

"They speak more Yiddish," he said, "they provide their kids with a more intensive Jewish education and the Canadian Jew is more likely to be Orthodox."

In Canada, he pointed out, about 40% of Jews are affiliated with Orthodox synagogues as compared with "around 20%" in the U.S. and while about 15% of Canadian Jews belong to Reform congregations, that figure rises to 34-35% in the U.S.

Canadian Jews are geographically more concentrated, with most living in Montreal and Toronto and also, Canadian Jews are roughly one generation closer to the old world, said Shaffir. "The foundations of the Canadian Jewish community were cast 50 years later than in the U.S. and a much higher proportion of Canadian Jewry are immigrants themselves."

The chief difference between Canadian and American Jews "has to do with immigration," noted Shaffir, and proportionately, there has been a larger influx of Jews to Canada than the U.S. since World War II. "In the 1970s some 40% of household heads in Montreal and Toronto were foreign born."

But although the differences may eventually disappear as the Jewish population begins to merge into the general Canadian culture, there is another explanation suggesting that the difference may not disappear with time.

"Whereas the United States is traditionally seen as the melting pot . . . in Canada we have the image of the cultural mosaic where immigrants are encouraged to retain their ethnic identity."

Yiddish prose to be read

TORONTO —

Hadassa Kestin will give a series of dramatic readings from the works of prominent Yiddish writers and poets, on Sunday, April 24, 8.30 p.m., at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

The Toronto visit of the Israeli actress is sponsored by the Yiddish Culture Council, an affiliate of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Ms. Kestin, regarded as one of the world's leading Yiddish actresses, lives in Tel Aviv. Her performance will include readings from Sholem Aleichem, Yitzhak Manger and H. Leivick.

Hadassa Kestin

New York's Tog-Morgen Journal described her as "the best interpreter of the treasures of Jewish literature . . . a favorite of audiences in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, Paris, New York, Montreal, Toronto and Los Angeles."

Kestin made her North American stage debut at New York's Jewish Art Theatre, the last major U.S. Yiddish playhouse, under fabled actor-producer Maurice Schwartz.

Kestin is married to Bunim Heller, the Warsaw-born Yiddish poet who left for Israel disenchanted with Communism in 1957.

Kestin was previously in Toronto in 1976, also for a performance sponsored by the culture council.

The event is open to the community.

JCC says thanks to its volunteers

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre is saying thanks to its 531 volunteers, during International Volunteer Week, April 18-25.

"Men and women, teens, adults and seniors, all volunteer for the staggering total of 2,124 hours a week at our five branches," a JCC spokesman told The Canadian Jewish News.

"Skilled volunteers have provided the impetus for many of the innovative social service projects now under way," said Patricia Starr, chairman of the JCC's membership standing committee.

JCC volunteers are credited for sustaining programs that "would undoubtedly not exist without their involvement, such as sports, swimming, gymnastics, interest groups, hobby workshops, support systems for the retarded, office work, and continuing education, as well as major events like the annual book fair, art gallery exhibits, plays, and concerts.

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TUES., APR. 26, 12:15 P.M. **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50. "Musicale Luncheon".** Featuring: **Naomi Bell,** singing Yiddish folk songs (The Shtetel). Everyone welcome. Cost: $5. Reservations required. Call 781–3511.

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Asian children brought to Canada for surgery

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA — Naomi Bronstein of Ottawa went to Thailand a month ago to bring Pirada Naowarat to Canada for urgent surgery that will save the tiny 2-year-old's massive left foot. When she arrived back at Ottawa airport last week, Bronstein, 37, was clutching a terrified pink-clad Pirada and unexpectedly assisting three equally frightened Korean children — Chang Myung Hwan, 3, Im Bo Yun, 8 and Yoon Yun Hee, 10 — all of whom require corrective heart surgery to survive.

"Everything fell into place so quickly I couldn't believe how lucky I was," said a tired Bronstein at an airport press conference. The immigration officials at the Canadian embassies were "wonderful," she said. "They quickly processed all the papers for the three Korean children so I could bring them back with me on this trip," she added.

Naomi and husband Herb Bronstein have been helping needy children from wartorn Asian countries for many years. The native Montrealers adopted their first Asian war orphans 14 years ago. The Bronstein clan now numbers 14 — including five natural-born children.

During the five years the Bronsteins lived in Guatemala [he owns an import-export firm] Naomi helped set up a hospital to care for the Central American country's medical needs for poorer children.

The four Asian newcomers have been brought to Canada because the surgery they require is either too costly in their own countries for their poor families, or because the often - complicated operations cannot be performed there.

In Pirada's case, her malformed foot, which is five times its normal size as a result of a malfunctioning lymphatic system, was scheduled to be amputated since Thai doctors could see no other solution.

Doctors at the Children's Hospital have also examined numerous x-rays of Pirada's foot and believe the condition can be corrected and her foot saved.

"This little peanut should have a chance," Bronstein said with deep affection. "If we don't care whether these kids live or not no one else will. They have a right to a better life, and we in Canada have the means to help them," she said.

Bronstein and family physician Bob Birnbaum toured orphanages and hospitals in India, Thailand, South Korea and Hong Kong in November to diagnose children whose severe medical conditions could be corrected with surgery in Canada.

"Depending on the public support we get for these four, I have 10 more files on children in urgent need of life-saving surgery," Bronstein explained as she tried to greet and reunite with her own excited family.

All four will be staying with foster families before and after their surgery. Pirada will remain with the Bronsteins since she clings to Naomi whom she now knows.

Bronstein laughs when asked how she communicates with the baby: "I quickly learned how to say 'are you hungry, tired, thirsty, do you have to go to the bathroom and can it wait, in Thai.' "

Bronstein says the four will be away from their families for no more than two months. They expect 3-year-old Chang will return to Seoul within the month since his heart surgery is very straightforward. "It's important to get the operations done as quickly as possible and worry about the bills later," says husband Herb.

Doctors at both the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Civic Hospital's cardiac unit have donated their time. The foster families will absorb the costs of keeping the four. But local hospitals cannot waive the medical expenses for rooms and treatment — about $8,000 per child.

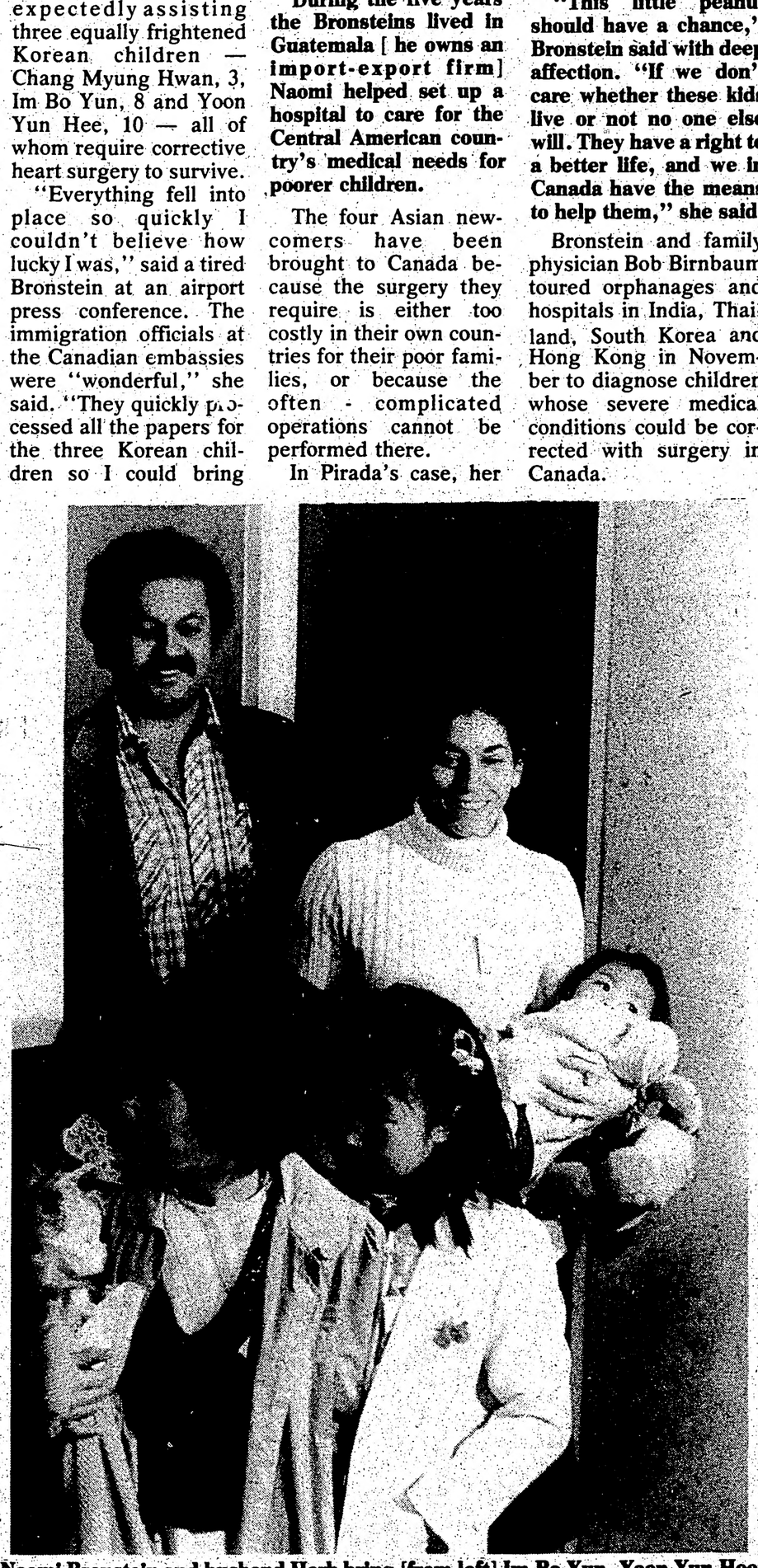
The Bronsteins are in the process of incorporating Heal the Children, Canada, a charitable organization, as an offshoot of a U.S.-based organization that has brought 300 children to America for treatment since 1979.

"We desperately need funds from the public, from companies, from organizations," Bronstein says.

Cybernex, a local high tech firm, is the first company to come forward with funds to cover Pirada's expenses. Dave Londry, Cybernex executive vice-president, said it is easier to respond to "concrete medical problems in specific children" than to offer aid to an anonymous fund. "We are very sensitive to medical problems in children. We thought we could help Pirada," Londry says.

The Cybernex donation, a local benefit concert and several individual contributions as a result of local press coverage have netted a total of $12,000 to date. Bronstein and Birnbaum have given personal guarantees to cover the $32,000 medical bills if the required funds are not raised.

For information write to Heal the Children, Canada, 3560 Albion Rd. South, Ottawa, K1T 1A1. Tax deductible receipts will be issued for all donations.



Naomi Bronstein and husband Herb bring [from left] Im Bo Yun, Yaon Yun Hee and Pirada Naowarat into Canada for treatment. [Al Farrell photo]

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New rabbi for Holy Blossom

Scholar Marmur stresses Jewish family, values

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
Rabbi Dow Marmur is quick to answer when you ask him what he intends doing about Jews who turn away from Judaism.

"We can make it known we're available to these people," he said. "We can help them find direction. I'm impressed by the outreach program at Holy Blossom, and I intend to contribute to it."

Dow Marmur, a rabbi from 1962 to 1967 in London's (England) South West Essex Reform shul and rabbi for the past 14 years in that city's North Western Reform Synagogue, has been sought out by Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple to lead the congregation, commencing Aug. 1.

Holy Blossom, Canada's largest Reform congregation, has been without a senior rabbi since last July when Rabbi Harvey Fields left to take up a post at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple in Los Angeles.

Marmur, a former chairman of the Assembly of Rabbis of Reform Synagogues of Great Britain, has just relinquished the chairmanship of Pro-Zion, the British constituent of Artzenu, the World Progressive Zionist Organization. But he still retains the international chairmanship.

Marmur played a key role in the establishment of the Manor House Centre for Judaism and in the creation there of the Akiva School, the first Reform day school in Britain.

A scholarly man, he was editor of Living Judaism, the quarterly journal of the Reform movement in Britain, and has published a number of books and articles on Jewish thought.

Marmur's pending departure from England got "considerable" reaction not only in the Jewish Chronicle and the London Sunday Times but also in local British papers. "Britain's Jewish community which sees itself as marginal, feels vulnerable when a person very involved in Anglo-Jewish life suddenly disappears," Marmur told The Canadian Jewish News last week.

He said he is "disturbed" at leaving North Western Reform Synagogue, where he served as a "one-man band" to 1,300 families. But at the same time, Marmur said he is eager to work at Holy Blossom in tandem with two other rabbis and a cantor, with twice as many congregants as his London shul.

Marmur doesn't feel guilty about leaving Britain because, he says, he has lived in many countries and has always considered himself a Jew first.

Born in Poland, Marmur moved to Sweden during the war years before returning to Poland in 1946. In 1948, he emigrated to Sweden, went to school there and worked in the Israeli embassy in Stockholm.

He met his Polish wife Fredzia in Sweden, and he still holds a Swedish passport.

In 1957, he went to Leo Baeck College in London to study for the rabbinate and graduated in 1962.

Marmur tends to see Jewish problems as being fairly global.

He is concerned with "erosion from within" caused by the pull of the secular world. He points out in his book, Beyond Survival, written a year ago, that if we set our goals and purposes, Jewish survival will be assured.

He believes today's rabbis must acquaint their congregations with values of modern society that include consumerism and a quest for instant gratification. At the same time, he says, it is important to see how Judaism can address itself to the situation and help Jews remain Jews.

Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur

Marmur describes himself as an "East European Jew" from a non-religious but strongly Zionist background. He went to a Hebrew-speaking school in Poland and also speaks Polish, Yiddish, Russian, Swedish, English and German.

Only in his late teens did Marmur move to more traditional Judaism. And only after working at the Israeli embassy in Sweden did he realize that he wanted to study and serve Judaism.

Of his political orientation Marmur said he does not support right-wing politics. His general religious and political temperament is liberal-left of centre.

He said there is no Conservative movement in British Jewry; this means that Reform is a much broader coalition — possibly more to the right of Reform in Canada.

But Marmur contends that the "culture shock will be less traumatic" because Holy Blossom is at the conservative end of American Reform.

In the future, Marmur hopes to continue his participation in Jewish-Christian dialogue.

"If we are partners and equals, we must stress our differences and say to each other what we find unacceptable in each other's attitudes," he said.

Marmur advised that we be honest, and not judge all Christians collectively. He lauded Holy Blossom for its progressive history in encouraging Christian-Jewish relations.

Another major concern is in preserving the family structure in the Jewish community. He worked for over 10 years in the national marriage guidance council of Britain and has just completed a report on Jewish family life which was commissioned by the British Reform movement.

The Marmurs have three children, who range in age from 16 to 24.

Centre operates to help Jews return to Judaism

LOS ANGELES —
Robert Bleiweiss, a writer, publisher, and administrator in Los Angeles, dedicates a large part of his life helping assimilated Jews return to Judaism.

In the summer Bleiweiss operates The Centre for Jewish Living and Values in Israel. Its program is modeled on the innovative concepts of the late Dr. Shlomo Bardin, the Israeli educator, who had significant success teaching Judaism to Jews in the United States.

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Last summer visiting scholars included philosophy professor Emil Fackenheim of Toronto, Shlomo Riskin and Arthur Hertzberg.

Musicians, artists, dramatists and dancers also lead workshops for the participants — most of whom are single.

Participation of families with or without children in residence is a unique aspect of the centre — one that greatly enhances the overall living experience and illustrates the validity of the family as a major Jewish value.

Cost of the centre's program is $950 U.S. and includes room and all kosher meals for the 4-week session. A registration fee of $25 is non-refundable and transportation to and from Israel is the participant's responsibility.

Bleiweiss, executive director and president of the centre, was formerly chief executive of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in Los Angeles — another Jewish learning institution.

Centre administrator Vida Bleiweiss and assistant director Glenn Schoenfeld have also worked at the Brandeis-Bardin Institute.

Prof. Pinchas Peli of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev serves as dean of the Centre for Jewish Living and Values in Israel. Velvel Pasternak is associate director.

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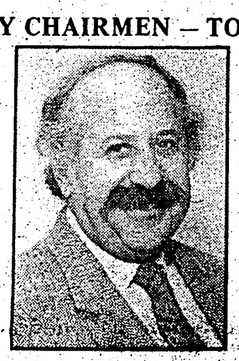

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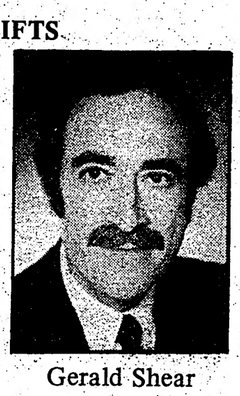

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Israeli high school students Kitty Brunner and Sivan Toledo visit Canada

Will speak about life in homeland

Israelis to visit Maritimes

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Two youthful Israeli "ambassadors," visiting Canada to speak about life in their homeland, will leave Montreal this Friday, April 15, to begin a week's tour of the Maritimes.

Both aged 17, the pair are Kitty Brunner and Sivan Toledo.

They will participate in a Halifax community Yom Hashoa commemoration at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue on April 16.

The following day, they will be guests at a reception at Temple Sons of Israel, in Sydney, N.S., and, on April 18, will meet with students at the Sydney Academy High School.

Later that day, they will fly to Fredericton for a Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Sgoolai Israel Synagogue.

On April 19, they will talk to students at Fredericton High School.

They will return to Halifax for the last couple of days of their tour to speak at Chester and St. Patrick high schools.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, Brunner made aliya with her family in 1969. She is a grade 11 student in Tichon Yehud and is a scout leader. Toledo was born and lives in Tel Aviv, where he attends high school. He has been running his own amateur radio station since last summer.

Focus on job sharing, part-time employment

TORONTO —

The impact of part-time employment and job sharing will be explored in a series of speeches, workshops and displays being staged May 9-11 during Equal Opportunity Week at City Hall.

Organized by the city's equal opportunity division, this third annual event will begin 9 a.m. May 9 with a 2-hour presentation in the council chambers, featuring Ed Garber, executive vice-president operations, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd.

Municipal officials, including Mayor Art Eggleton and other representatives from government, labor, management and the community, will be on hand for discussions, following Garber's speech.

From 12 noon until 2 p.m. concurrent workshops will be held in the second-floor committee rooms at city hall.

Topics will include: the effects of part-time employment and job sharing on lifestyles and management techniques; the impact of technology in the workplace; wage and benefit parity for part-time workers; student employment conditions, and related issues.

Employment-oriented audio-visual presentations will also be screened at the same time in the members' lounge.

An Employment Fair, including a number of information booths representing government and community agencies, will be on throughout the day. Displays will be staffed from 12 noon until 2 p.m. and from 4.30-5.30 p.m.

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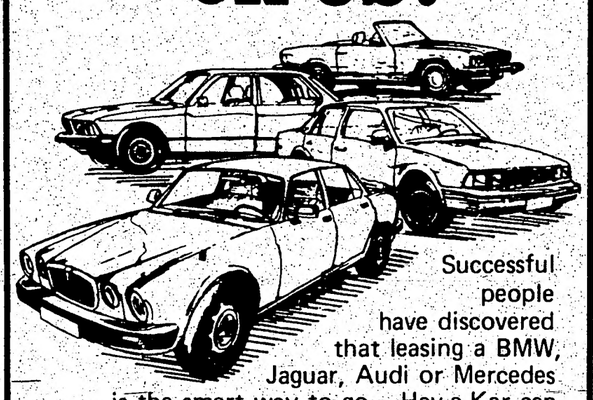

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More converts contributing to Judaism, says rabbi

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — One of the major sources of new energy coming into the Jewish community today is that of the convert to Judaism, a member of a panel discussion on the future of the Hamilton Jewish community said here not long ago.

Even in his own relatively small Conservative congregation, noted Rabbi Israel N. Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue, "a goodly percentage" of the people who attend services on Shabbes morning "are there thanks to a convert."

It was one of the points he had hoped would stir up the audience a little but, to his disappointment, no one picked it up in the ensuing discussion.

But elaborating on this in a subsequent interview at his office, Rabbi Silverman repeated that "converts represent one of the major sources of the revival of Judaism today" and therefore, he advised, "our traditional attitude towards the convert has to change. We must return to the old biblical saying, 'you shall love the stranger . . .'"

Although he has no exact figures, Silverman, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1980, estimates that in North America "we are probably making between 10,000 and 15,000 converts a year." At a time when the Jewish birthrate is down and the death rate is up, he considers this "one of the great miracles."

Moreover, "it is a well kept secret that we are making more converts than we are losing to Christianity," he adds. And while he acknowledges that there are "large numbers of Jews leaving to join various cults, it is also true that there are more coming in."

Jews have always been wary of the convert and one of the conflicts confronting them arises from "the very strong tradition that conversion should have no ulterior motive." Conversion has generally been associated with marriage and, says Silverman, marriage is an ulterior motive.

But because of the increase in intermarriage in recent times, "What has happened is that rabbis have become more skilled and also more demanding about what they want from the convert — creating a convert who is far more committed." So much so, he declares, "that the convert will often also 'convert' the Jewish spouse!"

No rabbi today, he states, will convert without insisting that the Jewish partner is also present.

Conversions as a result of marriage are occurring more frequently, particularly in smaller communities, "and the further west you go, the larger the number." He even cites Hawaii, which, he says, has an active Jewish community thanks largely to a group of highly committed converts.

Another reason for the increase in converts is that "Judaism is coming out of the closet." More Judaic studies are being offered on campuses all across the continent, more people are attending universities and colleges and the message of Judaism is reaching more people. "People who have never before seen a Jew are suddenly finding 'hey, this thing has something to say . . .' Also, the State of Israel has helped."

And then there are the non-Jewish wives of Russian Jews "who have put their lives on the line."

But a tragic sidelight in all this is the plight of the elderly widow who converted long ago when she married, kept a Jewish home and brought up her children as Jews and now finds herself rejected by Jewish men of her age "because she was not born Jewish."

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Israeli film fest short $40,000

By
HILARY HORLOCK

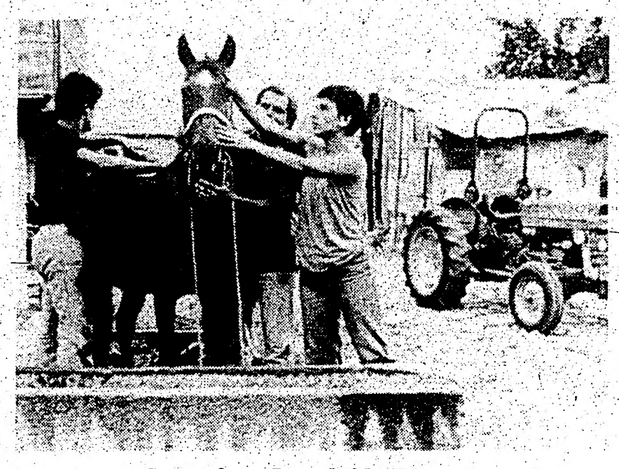
TORONTO —

Hannah Fisher has a dream — to stage a Jewish film festival in Toronto in 1983. She has been working on that dream for a year-and-a-half, and, just when her hard work and planning are about to come to fruition, the dream is slipping away before her eyes.

"The festival, called Jerusalem and Beyond: The Jewish Identity on Film, is scheduled to run at Harbourfront from June 6 to the 21st, but only if we can find the funding. The entire project will cost $100,000, and $60,000 has been guaranteed by Harbourfront and the government. We have to find $40,000 in funding by the middle of April, or else the festival won't take place," says Fisher.

Fisher, who has been film co-ordinator at Harbourfront since 1977, has gathered a number of top-notch Israeli - produced films, as well as films produced in other countries that deal with the Jewish experience.

"Jerusalem and Beyond is an outgrowth of the positive response we received to the Festival of Israeli Cinema, held at Harbourfront in 1980 as part of Toronto's Festival of Festivals. There have been a number of quality films produced since then about Jewish issues, especially in Israel," explains Fisher as her reason for planning the festival.



Scene from Israeli film Hamsin

She is excited about four Israeli films she has lined up for the festival, particularly Hamsin, directed by Danny Wachsmann.

Hamsin, the name of the hot Middle Eastern wind that wafts through the desert, pushing temperatures, and tempers, to the breaking point, is the story of friction between Israelis and Arabs in a border town. The film is critical of Israel and does not present the Jewish cause in a flattering light.

Fisher has also included the critically acclaimed Noa at 17, which Variety described as "touching and impressive," and Repeat Dive, a film which explores the heroism of Israeli frogmen during their missions and juxtaposes it with cowardice in their private lives.

Tentatively scheduled to make a world premiere appearance at the festival is Jud Ne'eman's latest film, Fellow Travellers. It is, says Fisher, a "very timely piece" about Israeli and Arab nationalists trying to effect an understanding between themselves.

All of this depends on acquiring the remaining $40,000 in funding. Fisher says she has the "wholehearted support" of Haim Divon of the consulate-general of Israel.

Plans have been made by a group raising money for a hospital in Israel to buy out one night during the festival and sell tickets to the film as a fund raising event. Fisher hopes other organizations will step forward with the same idea.

"I know times are tough, and it's hard to raise money for events such as this, but I hope with all my heart that we can come up with the money. It's such a good cause and I know it would benefit everyone," says Fisher.

For further information regarding the festival, contact Hannah Fisher at Harbourfront, 364-7127, ext. 285.

Baycrest museum to display knitted ceremonial artwork

TORONTO —

The first annual exhibition of handcrafted ceremonial Judaic art will be held by the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto Chapter, at the Baycrest Heritage Museum, 3560 Bathurst St., April 17 to June 14.

The Toronto group, the first such chapter in Canada, is composed of young men and women who want to preserve Judaic heritage by applying modern stitchery techniques to traditional items.

Of interest to all ages, the exhibition will include such items as wedding canopies, Torah coverings, and matzoh and challah covers employing needlework, embroidery and other textile techniques.

The museum is run by a volunteer committee which is chaired by Dr. Sydney Wax, senior physician, Special Care, Jewish Home for the Aged.

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

Medieval Jewry suffered grievously at the hands of the Dominicans and Franciscans, Roman Catholic orders that were founded in the 13th century.

The better known Dominicans were largely responsible for the infamous Inquisition and the events that led to the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. Torquemada, the Inquisitor-General, is one of the arch-villains of Jewish history.

Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscans, was a remarkable spiritual leader who is often depicted as an exemplar of brotherhood and understanding. According to church tradition he taught: "Preach peace to all; but have it in your hearts still more than on your lips. Give no occasion of anger or scandal to any, but by your gentleness lead all men to goodness, peace and union."

It is tragic however, that the followers of Francis did not display his tolerance and respect toward the faith of others.

Until the fierce antagonism of the friars, most European Jews enjoyed a special status. They had a right to live in Christian society, their lives and property were protected by the secular authorities, and conversion and baptism had to be voluntary. Judaism was regarded as a serious error, but tolerated as a religion of an outcast people whose very status — abject and miserable — pointed to the superiority of Christianity.

In the 13th and 14th centuries the friars adopted a virulent anti-Jewish position. They clamored for the implementation of such anti-Jewish measures as physical segregation, the wearing of a special Jewish badge, and restriction of Jewish business activities. Through their persistent teaching and agitation they transformed Judaism into a heresy and Jews into heretics. Regarded as undesirable unbelievers, the rejected Jews were offered the unhappy options of conversion, exile or extermination.

Convinced of the superiority of their faith, the friars often interrupted synagogue services to preach the virtues of Christianity to a captive audience. They censored Jewish books, burned entire editions of the Talmud and engaged in protracted anti-Jewish polemics.

They also organized the odious compulsory disputations between rabbis and Christian scholars in which the rules made victory for the Jewish representatives well nigh impossible.

In the 16th century the anti-Jewish activities of the friars gradually diminished.

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Amanda Plummer shines in otherwise flat play

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It's a pity Lee Harvey Oswald isn't a better play, so much work went into its production and Amanda Plummer and Marion Gilsenan do so well in their roles of Oswald's Russian wife, Marina, and his mother, Marguerite. (At Bayview Playhouse until May 7.)

The play, by Michael Hastings, is a better piece of journalism than drama. It was written 17 years ago by a British playwright and the question urgently arises: Why was it never done in North America before this?

The answer, reluctantly, must be that it is not, in its structure, a compelling drama, and one wonders whether, without Amanda Plummer's presence, it would create any stir at all. It is quite a presence and the daughter of Christopher Plummer has given Marina Oswald's lines more life and light than appears in them on the printed page.

Did Oswald kill President John F. Kennedy and critically injure Senator John Connally with one bullet from that sixth-floor window of the Texas Book Depository as the Warren Commission concluded in its 888-page report?

It is a fascinating question and one which playwright Hastings answers in the negative. But if others were involved, who were they, and how did they so enmesh Oswald that he was a suspect within minutes of the assassination? And what were the motives of such a conspiracy?

The play does not answer these questions, and as a drama it is not required to. But the author does use a documentary platform with a succinct summary of Oswald's life, and testimony in the mouths of Marina and Marguerite that is based on their actual evidence to the Warren Commission.

On this platform he constructs fictionalized scenes showing the tensions between Oswald and his wife, between Oswald and his mother, and between Marguerite and Marina.

There really is no play without that platform. All well and good, if through the play we gain new insight, new understanding, new evidence of a conspiracy . . . if one existed.

Lee Harvey Oswald travels the well-ploughed journalistic furrows — no new ground is broken.

In a personal note appended to his play, Hastings wrote: "It is the silence of the man which compels me to do this." No one will fault him for that, or for his conclusion: "In the light of new evidence, Oswald, if he was up there firing, was not alone."

On the other hand, once he peered so closely at the core of this mystery, why didn't he write a play out of his own imagination about a young Russian girl, speaking no English, entrapped in the life of a young misfit who kills a president?

There are seeds of a great drama in Lee Harvey Oswald but it will take a lot of rewriting to bring it to bloom.

If producers Robert Chorney, Tony Grillo, Victor Tovey and Peter Peroff hope to take it to Broadway or to pay-TV their work is cut out for them. They have a good cast. Jon Michaelson has done wonders with the script he had.

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By RICK KARDONNE

JERUSALEM —

International and ecumenical cultural partnership at its best was symbolized by the Israel Philharmonic, the Stuttgart Choir and four top European soloists teaming up to render a first-rate performance of Anton Dvorak's Christian religious full-length opus, Stabat Mater, at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooma in Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium as part of the IPO's regular subscription series.

Under the baton of Stuttgart Choir director Helmuth Rilling, the IPO and Stuttgart Choir's sweepingly moving interpretation succeeded in enlivening the plodding-slow opening sections of the 10-movement work. By the time they reached the fourth movement, which from then on begins the more musically memorable moments, the audience's attention was still captivated. Thus, the second half was all that more thrilling, especially the ecstatic climax.

Of the soloists, particularly outstanding was Royal Opera tenor David Rendall, who has appeared in Canada as well as throughout the world. Also memorable was the effortlessly pure soprano of West Germany's Christine Boumann.

Such events, which transcend religious and national boundaries, should be given extensive coverage in church publications as well as mainstream daily newspapers such as the Globe and Mail, to publicize the fact that the cultural climate of Jerusalem is hospitable to all faiths and nationalities.

Simultaneously, in order to promote greater world Jewish cultural unity, the Israel Philharmonic in the future should, on a similar large scale, team up with various Diaspora synagogue choirs to present religious Jewish choral works, both by classical composers such as Levandovsky, and, ideally, by contemporary composers including those currently residing in Toronto.

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The 100th anniversary of the beginning of Yiddish theatre was celebrated April 4, also at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'ooma Auditorium, with a series of performances by Yiddish actors living in Israel.

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Many watched an Israel TV special featuring pop star Sholmo Artzi, who will perform at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Since his first big hit in 1975, Shir Baboker Baboker, Shlomo Artzi, if not in Israel's pop music creative forefront, has maintained a solid position for himself in its mainstream. While some of his slow songs tend to drag, and might be out of time and place (such as a lament for Janis Joplin), his fast songs, with their catchy chorus line hooks, are truly entertaining crowd-pleasers.

As a performer, the boyishly - handsome Artzi is most charismatic when not constrained by his guitar.

All in all, especially if he concentrates on his upbeat hits, Shlomo Artzi will easily evoke the same sort of audience enthusiasm in Toronto, at Shaarei Shomayim on April 18, as he has for nearly eight years in Israel.

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Israel's first lady of song, Yaffa Yarkoni, maintains a performing schedule second to none in terms of sheer energy.

Besides regularly performing at Jerusalem's Khan Theatre, she headlined a convention April 6 on voluntarism in Israeli life, at Binyamei Ha'ooma, which was hosted by the star of Toronto's first Israel day in 1978, the ebullient Miki Ham.

Gallery Katz opens, for younger artists

By SUZANNE WINTROB

TORONTO —

Robert Katz has just opened an art gallery for younger, less well known artists, including himself.

"Young artists have a hard time finding a place to exhibit their paintings," the 30-year-old Katz told The Canadian Jewish News. "Very few of them are represented in Yorkville."

Gallery Katz, at 308 Balliol St., is planned as a showcase for them.

Romanian-born Katz began drawing at the age of 7. He later studied in an art college in Romania.

Katz's drawings, in pencil, oil, and watercolors deal with people's expressions and feelings. They have titles such as Persuasiveness, Affection, and Unspoken Commitment.

"I'm interested in people, not in landscapes," says Katz. "You can have a still-life for hours or days. But humans you can't replace. If they move, the moment is gone."

Katz and his wife came to Canada in 1977, after spending three years in Israel. He has exhibited his work in Israel and the United States, as well as in Greece, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. He keeps in touch with other artists around the world, and tells them what is going on in Canada.

Also on display at Gallery Katz are paintings by a close friend of Katz, Israeli artist Shlomo Schwartz. The two met in Paris and frequently exchange ideas.

Katz invites other artists to display their work at his gallery.

Hours at Gallery Katz are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. For more details, phone 484-4229.

Tom Topor's Nuts at Leah Posluns

TORONTO —

The 1981 Tony-nominated play Nuts, by Tom Topor, will be presented at the Leah Posluns Theatre in co-operation with the Art Theatre Production Company from April 21 to May 14.

It takes as its peg a sanity hearing at New York's Bellevue Hospital and stars Barbara Budd and David Clement.

The play will be directed by Reva Stern-Tward.

Cost for April 21 preview night is $4.75 per ticket.

Ticket prices are $12.50 for Saturday, $11.50 for Sunday evening and $10.50 for week nights. (Evening performances are at 8.)

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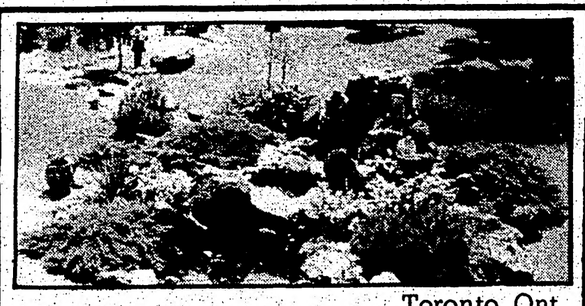
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Arts

Beth Tikvah hosts Israeli art exhibit, April 24-27

By
HILARY HORLOCK

gallery gatherings

Art Gallery of Ontario — Recent acquisitions of Florentine Baroque sculptures will be on display through May 8.

The show Museums by Artists, which opened on April 2, explores the relationship — intellectual, physical and historical — between artists and museums.

Pictures For The Parlour: The English Reproductive Print from 1775-1900 will be on display in the Margaret Eaton Gallery to May 1.

Atelier Lukacs — Engraving by David Silverberg continues to April 16. Rita Cohen's Oriental Images opens April 26 and runs to May 7. Bronze sculptures by Maryon Kantaroff will complement Cohen's work. 186 Davenport Rd. 923-8908.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery — General Idea exhibits recent works to May 4. 840 Yonge St. 922-0410.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art — Recent works on paper and canvas by Yolanda Van Dyck continues to April 22. The exhibit will include her Bankhead series, painted at an abandoned coal mining town north east of Banff. 55 Avenue Rd. 961-0878.

Fine Line Art Gallery — The Israeli Art Exhibit, sponsored annually by Fine Line, is to be held this year at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Israeli consul-general Gideon Saguy will officially open the show April 24 at 1.30 p.m.

The exhibit, which runs from April 24 to April 27, features contemporary Israeli paintings and lithographs for exhibition and sale. Fine Line Art Gallery is located at 128 Cumberland St. 961-7019.

First Impressions Gallery — To celebrate the annual Israeli Art Exhibit, the gallery will present works by Agam, Shalom of Safed and Tobiasse. Limited edition prints may be ordered at the gallery. 31 Milner Gate. 886-1770.

Galerie Dresdnere — Acrylic paintings by Mary-Ann Kokoska are on display from April 16 to May 4. Applique banners by LaLiberte continues to April 14. 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery One — Recent works on paper by Helen Frankenthaler continues at the gallery to April 21. 121 Scollard St. 929-3103.

Gallery Pascal — New etchings by Sydney Drum continues to April 20. Drum is noted for her sweeping, gestural patterns in bold black. 334 Dundas St. W. 977-4021.

Home Again Gallery — Recent paintings by Louis de Niverville opens April 16 and continues to May 4. 102 Scollard St. 964-2246.

Holt, Renfrew & Co. — An exhibition of ceramic works by internationally known Richard Bennett opened at the store March 25. The exhibit is located on the third floor, in the gift department. 50 Bloor St. W. 922-2333.

Idee Gallery — Illustration by Anita Kunz continues to April 22. 112 Queen St. E. 364-9989.

The Koffler Gallery — The annual student exhibition continues at the gallery to April 21. This is the first half of the exhibition, centering on drawing, painting and ceramics. The second half, which features design, stone sculpture and calligraphy, opens April 25 and continues to May 5. 4588 Bathurst St.

Lacemaker's Gallery — Social Impressions, paintings and prints by Lorie Schinko, opens at the gallery April 22 and continues to May 14. Storyboard, paintings by Pat Jeffries, continues to April 19. 753 Queen St. W. 366-0800.

Limited Editions — New Erte graphics will be on display throughout April in celebration of Erte's 90th birthday. The gallery is also the exclusive Eastern Canadian distributor for LeRoy Neiman's works. 136 Yorkville Ave. 961-2090.

McDowell Gallery — New exhibits by sculptor Joyce Green and painter Judy Sale open April 21 and continue to May 3. 2629 Yonge St. 481-7681.

Mira Godard — Recent egg tempera paintings and works on paper by Jeremy Smith continues to April 13. New paintings and works on paper by Ron Moppett continues at the gallery to April 20. 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

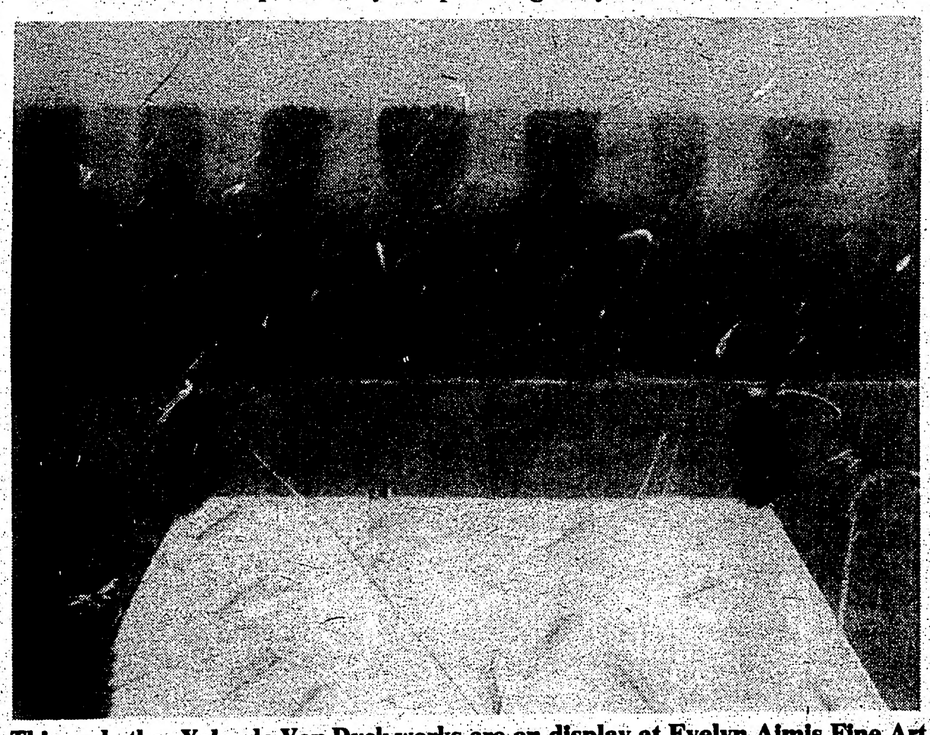
Pagurian Corporation — William Kurelek's Visions of Canada, featuring paintings, prints and books, continues to April 30. 13 Hazelton Ave. 968-0255.

The Royal Ontario Museum — Cloud Flowers: Rhododendrons East and West, a botanical art exhibition, will be on view at the ROM from April 16 to May 3. 978-3629.

Sculptor's Society of Canada — The annual spring exhibition and sale of fine sculpture, medals, jewelry and graphics will be held until April 29, daily from 12 to 6 p.m. 25 Bellair St. 782-5782.

The Tatay Gallery — Observations in The Key of Time, an exhibition of recent works by multimedia artist Doug Morrison, continues to April 28. Noted for his "energized color" and "bold design," Morrison's signature of large areas of opulent color is said to "underline his philosophy of change." 101 Niagara St., Suite 200C. 368-1153.

Gallery Gatherings appears the second Thursday of each month.



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Arts

Off Off Broadway, at Fairview Theatre

Puppet theatre branches out to first adult comedy

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

One of their puppets is so small it fits on your finger and one is so big it takes two people to operate. The large one is Tiny Tim, a 7½ foot giant, whose rival is Sir Cendrick Snipe, a dragon just as tall.

They are just two of 250 puppets in an unusual theatre troupe, the Son-Shine Cast, which is branching out to put on its first adult comedy, Off Off Broadway, at Fairview Theatre in Fairview Mall, concluding April 13, 14, 15, 16.

There are no puppets in Off Off Broadway, which is a comic look at the backstage and onstage antics of the people in an overproduced southern melodrama about the U.S. civil war. One of the seven characters is a sexy Hollywood starlet who ends up rewriting the script to eliminate her rival's part. Some of the language is suitable only for adults.

The slogan of Son-Shine Cast could be "Have play, will travel," for they have performed in schools, church basements, libraries, and even underneath the huge sculpture in the foyer of North York's city hall. For instance, last February they put on Kids for Kids, a Hadassah-sponsored show, at Central Library Theatre, which sold out three performances.

The troupe has more puppets than any other group in Ontario, amateur or professional.

About one-third of the 80-member group is Jewish, according to R. Bruce Mellott, its artistic director, a 32-year-old theatre veteran, who has written and directed most of its 30 productions, the majority family-oriented holiday shows.

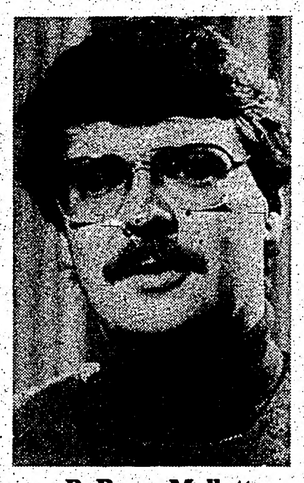
He is also the writer and director of Off Off Broadway and was still pounding out a rewrite of the play just half an hour before the first rehearsal. Mellott works for North York as a community recreation officer in the northwest section.

Two of the offstage crew of the new show are Bernard Nayman, an accountant, and his daughter, Lisa, 15, a Mackenzie Collegiate student.

Mr. Nayman became involved when he went to see for himself why his young daughter was spending so much time at Earl Park Community Centre, where the group rehearses, on dark, winter nights. From there, it was only a short step to his own appearance on stage last December as a grandfather in Bluebird.

"The first night was rocky, but after that it was fine," Nayman recalled. No stranger to the public platform (he was a candidate for the North York Board of Education) Nayman said he finds acting a completely different kind of challenge.

Director Mellott is gung-ho about what he calls a "theatre boom" in North York. For example, six groups, including his own, book Fairview Theatre, a 260-seat space, completely from September to May. The others are Life Theatre, Victoria Players, Theatre Five, Stage Centre and Canadian Children's Dance Theatre.



R. Bruce Mellott

Other community theatres in North York include Amicus Players, Leah Posluns Theatre, Heritage Players, Erewhom Theatre of Canada, Fairview Players, The Jesters, Les Amis Theatre Co., Skylight Theatre and Topper the Clown.

Mellott claims many North Yorkers are still unaware that on any weekend there are at least two community theatre productions on the boards, and they continue to stream to downtown Toronto to other theatre productions. He claims that the quality of the North York shows compares favorably with those downtown, although he admits that some "risk taking" is involved.

There is a critical lack of accessible theatre spaces in North York for amateur groups like his own, he contends. This is why some Son-Shine Cast productions are done in hallways.

Membership in Son-Shine Cast is open to anyone (the members range in age from children to seniors) and the annual fee is $10. About 75% of the members live in North York.

Tickets for Off Off Broadway are $5. For reservations or more information call 225-4486, the office of the North York Arts Council.

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TORONTO —

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Works by Shalom of Safed, Michael Flaum, Max Hayslette and Tobiasse adorn the walls of his gallery which is open by appointment only for consultation.

Because Buck believes art "should be an integral part of everyday life," he is concentrating on two sectors of the art market — the general consumer, and the decorator/architect.

In addition to the showroom, First Impressions will also conduct personal consultations, either at the client's home or at the gallery, in an attempt to express an artistic personality within a specified budget. Another unique feature of the gallery is its willingness to perform community service seminars for groups interested in learning more about art.

Because he feels it is difficult to make a decision about a piece of art without seeing it in its intended environment, Buck allows prospective purchasers to take a print home for three days to "try it out."

After a successful showing of two prints by Giancarlo Impiglia at the CN Tower's Top of Toronto restaurant during the Christmas holidays, Buck has since arranged for some prints from the gallery to be on display at the Bayview Golf and Country Club for the months of April and May.

Tobiasse litho, at First Impressions

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Gala celebrations to mark Toronto's 150th year

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The first Jewish person to come to Toronto was, significantly, a wandering actor named Emanuel Judah.

It has been irrefutably established that he appeared for at least one evening, in October, 1826, performing Shakespearean roles in the only theatre in Muddy York — the ballroom of Frank's Hotel on Colborne St.

Nobody knows what Judah looked like, but you can be sure his theatrical bow here will be prominently documented in an exhibition of pioneer Jews in early Toronto now being planned by Stephen Speisman, director of archives for the Toronto Jewish Congress.

Speisman's exhibition of photos, documents and historical memorabilia will go on display in the new 6-storey Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services at 4600 Bathurst St., which will be the new home of the 2,400-square foot Toronto Jewish Congress Archives and adjoining 900-square foot Oskar Asher Schmidt Judaica Museum.

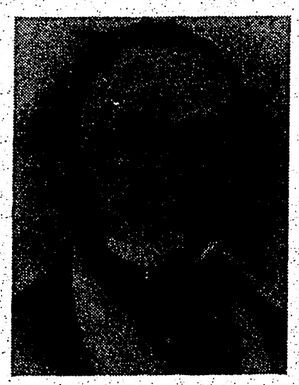
Speisman is planning the show not for this year, but sometime in 1984 — the year when Toronto marks its 150th birthday.

It'll be one of the many festive events that will be staged throughout the year as Torontonians celebrate the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of their city on March 6, 1834.

Maureen Kitts, coordinator of the Sesquicentennial Board, hopes that every citizen of Toronto will get involved in the festivities which are expected to attract 19,000,000 visitors generating $2.4 billion in commercial revenues.

Here are just a few of the Sesqui highlights [all in 1984]:

- The 175 women members of the Toronto Guild of Stitchery will present to City Hall a wall hanging 24 feet long and 6 feet high, telling the story of the city's birth in fibre and thread.
- Each Toronto school student will receive a gift — probably a pin — as a remembrance of the city's birthday.
- Publishers have been given $50,000 in grants to produce commemorative books such as Queen City by Raymond Souster, Toronto Remembered by William Kilbourn, and Meeting Place: Peoples And Neighborhoods of Toronto, published by the Ontario Multicultural History Society.
- A spectacular outdoor party and huge fireworks display celebrating Toronto's multicultural diversity will be held at Harbourfront.
- The Tall Ships — the historic galleons that were such a sensation at Philadelphia — will visit Toronto Harbour.
- Toronto Trilogy, a drama competition sponsored by CITY-TV, will be televised in the spring.
- The Sesqui Parade, the biggest parade in Toronto's history, is planned for June 2.
- Queen Elizabeth is expected to visit Toronto in July.
- Pope John Paul II is expected to visit Toronto in the early fall.
- Toronto schools will hold Sesqui song-writing and poster design contests, Sesqui birthday parties in March, culminating in historic Chanukah and Christmas parties in December.



Judah Joseph ... first Jew to settle in Toronto

The theme of the festivities will be "A celebration of friends," and its focus will be on Toronto's links to the rest of the world through its citizens and their accomplishments throughout history, according to co-ordinator Maureen Kitts.

She told The CJN that she and her neighborhood community project officer, Nadine Nowlan, hope to meet representatives of Toronto's Jewish organizations — such as B'nai B'rith, Hadassah and the Canadian Jewish Congress — at the Koffler Centre for the Arts to stimulate their participation in the Sesqui celebrations.

"Toronto Jews ought to be proud of their achievements, and this is a good opportunity to inform the rest of the world about their contributions to the growth of the city," she said. For further information, she and Nadine Nowlan may be reached at the Toronto Sesquicentennial Board, 8th floor, east tower of City Hall, telephone 947-1984.

As part of its contribution to the Sesqui celebrations, The Canadian Jewish News plans to run a series of interviews with Jewish pioneers who have been involved with the city's history. Oldtimers who believe their personal stories may be enlightening to young people are invited to telephone Frank Rasky at The CJN at (416) 481-6434.

Meanwhile archivist Speisman has a wealth of material to draw upon for his Sesqui exhibition. The 39-year-old author of The Jews Of Toronto: A History To 1937 [McClelland & Stewart, 1979] has amassed more than 4,000 photos at his present cramped archival quarters at 150 Beverley St.

One historic snapshot shows Toronto's first permanent settler, a scholarly, bespectacled jeweler and optician from Exeter, England named Judah Joseph. One of his most charming photos depicts an immigrant family buying some of the live chickens crated on the pavement in the Kensington market in 1922.

Speisman has also accumulated a variety of fascinating artifacts. Toronto singer Eva Fishman, for instance, donated to the archives the brass candy-making machine that her father brought from Poland and used to make taffy in the basement of their Oxford St. home.

Speisman obtained several quaint treasures when the Palmerston Avenue Synagogue was dismantled in 1979. One is a "pushka" — a tin charity box with a huge lid and a little handle that the shamus used to pass around the congregation for donations in the mid-1920s. Another is a dirty, black pop bottle found under the synagogue's bima.

"A workman had obviously tossed it aside when they were building the synagogue," he says. "It was a perfect specimen of a bottle produced by the Union Soda Water Manufacturing Co. in 1924 — one of the Jewish pop bottlers of Toronto in that era."

Speisman regrets that he didn't preserve the utensils of the trade used by his late father, Tom Speisman, who for more than 20 years was the barber at Tom & Ben's Barbershop on Adelaide St. "Some of the simplest of tools can be historic," he says, "if they help you to tell the story of the past."

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By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות שטר כסף חדש לישראל:
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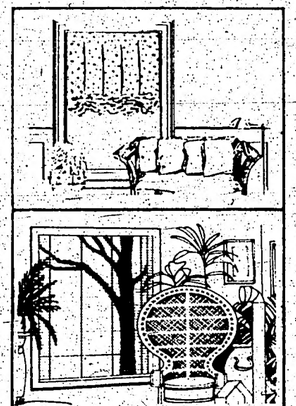

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Travel

VIA Rail is offering tourists excursion trips to watch spring migration of snow geese in area

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MONTMAGNY, Que. — Every April the Greater Snow Goose gathers in great numbers on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River near here. The geese arrive exhausted from their long flight from winter resting places in the Mississippi delta region of Louisiana, on their way north to the nesting areas on Baffin Island and Bylot Island near the northern tip of Baffin Island, another 3,000 kilometres to the north.

The spring migration of the snow geese is a spectacular scene in the Montmagny area, and annually more and more birdwatchers come for this gathering. This year VIA Rail is having package tours from southern Ontario to the site from April 23 to May 20. There will be daily departures from April 23 to 29 and from May 1 to 20 from Toronto (at $179 per person), London ($198), Windsor ($212), Kingston ($151), as well as from Montreal (at $119) and Ottawa ($139).

Montmagny is on the St. Lawrence River just east of Quebec City and Ile d'Orleans. It is an area of marshes and sandbars and small rocky islands.

For the weeks they are in the Montmagny area the geese spend their time feeding on underground, rootlike stems rich in nutrients that give them energy to continue their long journey in mid-May.

The Greater Snow Goose was close to extinction some 80 years ago but there are now estimated to be some 200,000 of the big birds because of effective protective measures.

The growing increase in interest by ornithologists and naturalists in these birds has led to excursion trips by VIA Rail from Ottawa and Montreal in recent years. This year the Toronto region has been added for these excursion trips.

Birdwatchers will also have a chance to see Canada geese, black, pintail and mallard ducks, green and blue-tipped teals — species which gather in the area on their way north to nesting grounds.

Toronto and area passengers leave on the VIA train at 7.30 a.m. for Montreal, meeting at the Montreal Central Station in the early afternoon for departure by train to Montmagny where there will be an overnight stay at motel Place Le Germoir. After dinner an audiovisual presentation will be given by naturalists who accompany the passengers from Montreal.

Early the next morning boats will take the birdwatchers to Ile-aux-Grues, one of the rocky islands. From the water and on shore you will see and hear the thousands of big birds. There will be mini-bus tours on the island for closer looks at the birds and photography.

Later that afternoon there will be a return to Montmagny and transfer to the Ste. Foy railway station near Quebec City for the return trip to Montreal, and then back to the Toronto area. The package price mentioned includes overnight accommodation and transportation.

Be sure to bring plenty of film, cameras in good condition, binoculars and warm clothing as well as rubber boots. The winds on the St. Lawrence can be chilling.

For those not quite as adventure-minded you can see and hear tens of thousands of Canada geese at the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary near Kingsville, not far from Windsor, Ont. They almost blacken the sky when aroused from their ground gatherings by tractors bringing tons of dried corn at feeding time.

Small Isla Mujeres island is a honeymooner's paradise

MEXICO CITY — Cozumel and Cancun may get most of the headlines, but a small island on the eastern tip of the Yucatan Peninsula near Cancun is an ideal place for those who want to get away from it all.

Isla Mujeres (Ees-la Moo-hay-res) gets its name from the Spanish explorers who arrived in 1518 and found the 5 by ½ mile island inhabited only by women. They were unaware that all the men were away hunting and fishing.

What sets the island apart from its more glamourous sister resorts in Cancun and Cozumel is its generally lower price structure in hotels and restaurants and the casual ambience of the residents and visitors.

There are no discos, night clubs or major shopping areas. But there are relaxed surroundings and uncrowded powdery, white, sandy beaches with water that is very possibly the clearest in any ocean. It's a honeymooner's paradise.

The majority of the visitors are in their 20s and 30s — singles, couples and groups.

Majestic Travel doing well in discount coupon field

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — **Sam Stern, the 29-year-old co-owner of the Majestic Travel Co., in Willowdale, had a bright idea last fall.**

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"Others must know so they will never let it happen again"

Holocaust experiences continue to haunt survivor

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

Memories are all he has left now. They propel him by day and haunt him by night.

"Even today I cannot forget. I see it every night in my mind. I can't sleep," says Yosef Lenobel in broken English.

The slight, 68-year-old man sits quietly, his hands folded in front of him, hardly making a dent in the large sofa. He is old now, old beyond his years, and still he remembers . . . remembers as if it were yesterday . . . the events of the Holocaust.

The tears brim in his eyes — black, intense eyes that miss nothing. And his voice, broken and rasping, cracks with emotion as he recalls how he watched the Germans kill a young boy who held his dead father who had been shot by the Germans moments before.

"We were all lined up in a row before a large pit in the graveyard. Soon it was to be my turn to be shot, only five were left. A young boy, no more than 12, was in front of me. And as he looked down into the pit, he saw his father lying in a mass of bodies.

"Shocked with grief, he jumped down and took his father in his arms, crying, 'Daddy, Daddy.'

"The Germans simply laughed and shot him," said Lenobel, looking ahead with unseeing eyes. "They just shot him," he whispered.

Lenobel, a native of Stanislaw, Poland, emigrated to Canada six years ago. He is one of only three Jews from his village to survive the war.

An administrative director at a rehabilitation hospital in Warsaw until he left, Lenobel now works three days a week at a private nursing home.

He is an intensely religious man, qualifying the dates in his memories by their relation to the Jewish holy days.

"It was Sunday, October 12, 1942, two days after Yom Kippur, a very holy day. In the morning, we heard the Germans were going to come to take the Jews from the ghetto (Stanislaw ghetto) to work for the Russians. They told us to leave all our belongings behind," recalls Lenobel.

"I was suspicious — I did not believe they were sending us to work. I found out that the Germans simply wanted all the gold and money the Jews had. The Germans told us there would be plenty to eat and lots of work at this new place, and that we were to assemble in the square that morning.

"I told my uncle and cousins that this was a lie — they are either going to kill us or are taking us to a concentration camp," said Lenobel, wringing his hands as he told of the difficulty of convincing his relatives that the Germans wanted to kill them.

Many Jews, "believing their lies," assembled in the square, but Lenobel convinced his cousins not to go. He hid them underneath the window ledge on the roof, so when the Germans looked in the room, they would see it was empty.

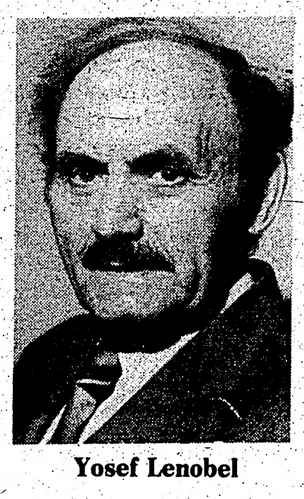
"I wanted them to live, and I told them this. After warning them to stay there and be quiet, I went away to see what was happening, hiding my armband in my pocket. I hid in a pile of garbage near the wall to the ghetto, but a Ukrainian saw me and shouted at me to come out. I made it into the cemetery, where I could hear noises, and hid between two gravestones.

"The Germans found me and took me to a large area where they had dug a huge pit. Many, many people were hearded about. The Germans ordered us to form lines, and we were marched toward the pit.

"They lined up people in front of the pit and fired a machine gun into the line. The bodies fell back into the pit and a new line was marched in. This was the place the Germans were sending us to 'work,' " said Lenobel bitterly.

Looking straight ahead, his eyes filled with tears, Lenobel said: "They killed 12,700 people that day. I saw them. It was the first action made by the einsatzgruppen, and history has since given it the name Bloody Sunday."

He escaped death by telling the Germans that he was not a Jew, but a Ukrainian. Because he had no identity papers



Yosef Lenobel

and was not wearing an armband, the Germans believed him.

"My belief in my religion helped me live. I always believed in life . . . and I wanted to live so that I could tell my story. Even if it was so awful that many would not believe me, I still knew I had to tell what had happened to me," says Lenobel.

Much of Lenobel's tale is the story of raw courage and blind faith in God. A Polish army regular, after the defeat of the Poles, Lenobel joined the Russians as a volunteer. After fighting with the Russians for about a month, he was taken prisoner and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in Kiev. The camp held 15,000 prisoners.

"I was not in the camp very long when the Germans ordered us to move to another camp near Lvov, 500 kilometres away. They made us march, all 15,000 of us, by foot the whole way. They gave us nothing to eat or drink on this journey that took about two weeks. All we had to eat was what kind people would throw to us along the way.

"Whenever anyone threw food, the prisoners would dive at it like dogs, and the Germans would shoot them. One day, as we were marching by a river, one man stepped out of line to have a drink — we had had no water for days. The Germans didn't shout a warning, or yell at him to get back in line. They just shot him and left him there."

Once in Lvov, the prisoners were treated worse than animals. [Most of the 15,000 prisoners were Ukrainian, says Lenobel, with only about 500 Jews.] Food was given only to those who were working, but little sustenance could be gained from a meal of one herring head and soup, provided once a day. They slept in an open courtyard, regardless of weather.

"We had not been long in Lvov when an announcement came over the loudspeaker. 'In honor of the anniversary of the assassination of Ukrainian General Simon Petlyura, killed by the Jew Schwarzbard, permission is given to the Ukrainian prisoners to kill as many Jewish prisoners as they wish between the hours of noon and 1 p.m. today.'

"The Ukrainians jumped on anyone who looked Jewish, strangling them or beating them to death. I survived with a friend only by luck because just as a group of Ukrainians was approaching to kill us, a shot was fired to signal the end of the hour," said Lenobel, the relief in his voice still evident after 42 years.

Lenobel's escape from the camp and a 180-kilometre trek by foot to Stanislaw, again without food or water, and his ability to survive the ghetto, he attributes to his faith in the mezuzah his mother gave him.

"She gave it to me on June 29, 1941 and told me, 'This will protect you.' I kept it through everything. Even when I threw away my identity papers and my armband, I kept the mezzuzah, knowing that if they found it on me they would know I was Jewish and kill me. I could not throw it away."

The scroll from the mezuzah is now brown with age, worn and torn in places; Lenobel still carries it in his breast pocket, safely tucked inside a plastic bag.

Lenobel says: "I don't know where my parents are buried. I can't go to lay flowers on their graves. I went back to my village after the war and found it was rubble, destroyed completely by the Germans.

"I must tell my story," he says, with intensity, unsure of his English. "I must tell because it is my duty. I must tell, so others will never forget. It must never happen again. Others must know so they will never let it happen again."

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Need for proper stretching stressed

JCC establishes clinic for minor sports injuries

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

Over the past few years, the desire to become more physically fit has emerged as a fashionable craze that has people of all ages exercising and taking part in sports. And, most experts would agree, the physical and mental benefits of all this activity generally outweigh the hazards.

But where there are sports, there are sports injuries. Whether you run, swim, play hockey, football, basketball or just work out, strained muscles and stretched ligaments, among other afflictions, are always a possibility. Some sports even create their own injuries, as anyone who has suffered tennis elbow or shin splints from jogging will readily confirm.

Sensitive to the increase in sports related injuries, Peter Sewell of the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch physical education department last year undertook the establishment of a JCC sports injuries clinic. Sewell wanted a facility where JCC visitors could get convenient, immediate identification and treatment of minor injuries and advice on how to prevent recurrences of those ailments.

"I wanted someone in the clinic with hands-on experience," Sewell explains, "who not only had diagnostic skills to offer, but could also provide treatment. But there were no physicians here (at the JCC) involved in sports injuries and no one approached me."

That's when 30-year-old chiropractor Arnie Glatter came forward to offer his services.

A University of Toronto graduate who spent four years at chiropractic college in Minnesota and Toronto, Glatter had become involved in the treatment of sports injuries after setting up his practice in Brampton three years ago. Local high school teams would send injured players to see him, and eventually players' parents brought their infirmities to him too.

Glatter found the field so intriguing (and his case load of 60% sports related injuries so high) that he began doing constant reading and research to keep abreast of new developments in the treatment and prevention of athletic related hurts.

This background made Glatter a perfect match for Sewell's specifications. Working out of a fully equipped office [ultra sound unit, vibrator, etc.] on the Centre's main floor, Glatter now sees from 40-50 patients during his two days a week at the clinic. And the number continues to grow steadily.

To complement Glatter's work, Sewell has tried to develop a total fitness program at the JCC which features a nutritionist, fitness experts, the injuries clinic and a physician to analyze fitness testing results that gauge flexibility, body fat ratios, cardiovascular efficiency, endurance and other related factors. The patient is not only treated, but is put through an "educational process."

Glatter says the upswing towards fitness has been most noticeable among seniors and middle-aged persons who, he claims, are often reckless in trying to accomplish too much at one time. The leap from a sedentary lifestyle to strenuous physical activity takes its toll in aches and pains.

Often, especially when beginning an exercise regimen, achiness and strain are a normal offshoot. But, if pushed too fast, these problems can become chronic. Being able to distinguish between normal and problem pain is something Glatter tries to instill in his patients.

About 50% of the injuries he sees, Glatter estimates, are caused by people not stretching after exercise in order to cool down. Just as you warm up, he cautions, it is important to spend 10-15 minutes after your program to ease out of physical activity and let your body adjust.

Another problem Glatter sees all too often is people improperly treating their injuries themselves. One popular myth he encounters is the application of heat theory. But, he says, "heat is the worst thing for an injury. Heat only feels better at the time."

Instead, Glatter recommends the use of ice for the first 24-72 hours after sustaining an injury. Ice, he says, has "an analgesic effect" — it freezes the area — while reducing inflammation. After the initial period, ice and heat can be alternated for relief. For low back pain, though, he strongly advises the use of ice only.

Glatter is available at the JCC on Thursdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. until noon and on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Appointments can be booked through the physical education department by calling 636-1880, extension 235.

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Ask any knowledgeable hockey person what it takes to win in the playoffs and you can bet the family jewels that outstanding goaltending won't be very far from the top of the list.

That's just what Toronto Freedom Lodge Rangers and Don Mills Developers got in fashioning two huge first-round upsets to open the B'nai B'rith hockey league's B Division playoffs.

Rangers' netminder Paul Weingarten stoned Toronto Freedom Lodge Feathers, the first-place BI Division finishers, to lead his team to a shocking 3-0 win that knocked the stuffing out of Feathers' post-season aspirations.

Feathers, who finished the season more than 20 points ahead of Rangers in the final standings, applied pressure throughout the sudden-death contest and created several good scoring opportunities. But Weingarten never allowed the BI champs burst his bubble as Rangers built a 2-0 lead through the first two periods and hung on until an empty net goal late in the game put it out of reach.

Developers got equally solid support between the pipes as goalie Morrie Frydberg help Don Mills play kitty-bar-the-door with a 2-1 first period lead that stood up throughout the game.

Alan Kadish scored the winner for Developers, with an assist from Sol Laski, on a power play goal late in the opening period. Frydberg then shut the door on Black Hawks, who were forced to taste defeat for the first time this season.

With the two favorites gone, B Division is as up for grabs as the Tory leadership race. Forrestdale Flyers play Don Mills Axemen this week to determine Developers next opponent, while Maccabiah Beavers face-off against Canyon Kings with the winner meeting Rangers.

The one game, sudden-death format applies through the second round with the finals to be decided in a best-of-three series.

A Division playoffs began earlier this week (after The CJN deadline) as the first-place Toronto Freedom Lodge Whalers met the fourth-place Toronto Freedom Lodge Refiners and third-place Canyon IFL Jets battled second-place Forrestdale Big Steel Man. Winners of those matches will meet in the best-of-three final.

In C Division, Toronto Freedom Lodge Plumbers and Mixed Red Wings played this week (also after deadline) to determine Toronto Freedom Lodge Maple Leafs second round foe and Maccabiah Weiss Guys and Mixed Devils met for the right to face Canyon Old Timers in the one game semi-final round. Old Timers and Leafs drew a first round bye for finishing one-two, respectivley, in the season standings.

The C Division finals will also follow a best two of three formula.

Playoff games will be taking place over the next few weeks at Centennial Arena on Wednesday nights beginning at 8.30 and on Sunday mornings starting at 9 at Chesswood Arena. There is no admission charge for the games and the public is encouraged to come out and catch the action.

Wear comfortable shoes

You want exercise? Walk— it's safe, pleasant and aerobic

By MICHAEL FELDMAN

One of the best forms of aerobic exercise is walking. It's safe, you don't need any special equipment and it can be performed at your leisure.

The continuous movement your leg muscles place on the veins as you walk will improve circulation (blood flow back to the heart), and will also strengthen the leg muscles.

It is very important that you wear shoes that are comfortable and provide good support. Running shoes and casual shoes with thick, soft soles are excellent.

Walking creates a lot of body heat, so don't overdress. Lighter clothing is suggested when walking in cold weather. Wear layers of light clothing instead of bulky outfits, and always wear gloves, a hat or cap.

Remember the safety factor when starting to walk. Five miles your first day is too much! Begin with 15 to 20 minutes of walking at a slow, comfortable pace. Then, when you feel comfortable, gradually increase the lengths of your walks. Always remember to walk in a heel-toe rhythm. It's advisable that you try to walk at least three times a week during a walking program.

I would also encourage you to walk with a companion or a group of friends. Make your walking program a social activity — it may lead to some very amicable discussions.

Walking will build up your cardiovascular system. In order to help decrease your pulse rate, you must get your heart rate up. This can be accomplished by starting your walks at a very leisurely pace. When you are warmed up, find a nice long block in your route. Pick up your pace for the entire block, then slow back down to a comfortable pace. Monitor your pulse at this time.

Remember, don't stop walking when trying to get an accurate pulse rate. If your pulse was moving rapidly when you came to the end of the block, you have found a good pace at which to "speed walk." The faster your pulse rate returns to normal (resting rate) the better.

Michael Feldman demonstrates pre-walk warm-up swings.

Always end your walks as you began — in a nice relaxed manner. Take three deep breaths at the end of your walks, then relax. You've earned it.

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2629 BAYVIEW AVENUE	SOLD
70 CASTLEWOOD ROAD	SOLD
15 COBBLESTONE DRIVE	SOLD
38 CRAIGMOUNT DRIVE	SOLD
27 DENMARK CRESCENT	SOLD
5 ELMIRA COURT	SOLD
12 ELM RIDGE ACRES ROAD	SOLD
64 FOREST HILL ROAD	SOLD
9 GERMAN MILLS ROAD	SOLD
70 RAVENSCROFT CIRCLE	SOLD
76 RIDELLE AVENUE	SOLD
444 RUSSELL HILL ROAD	SOLD
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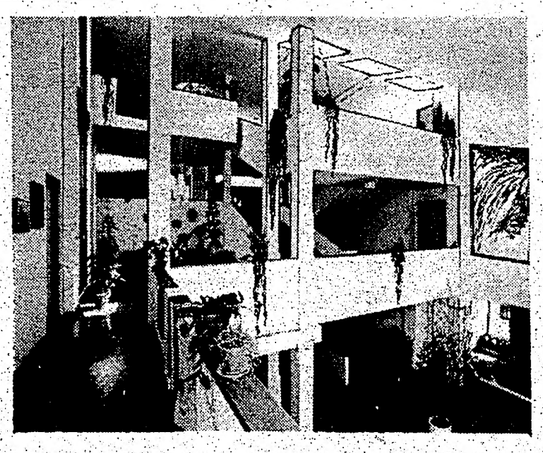

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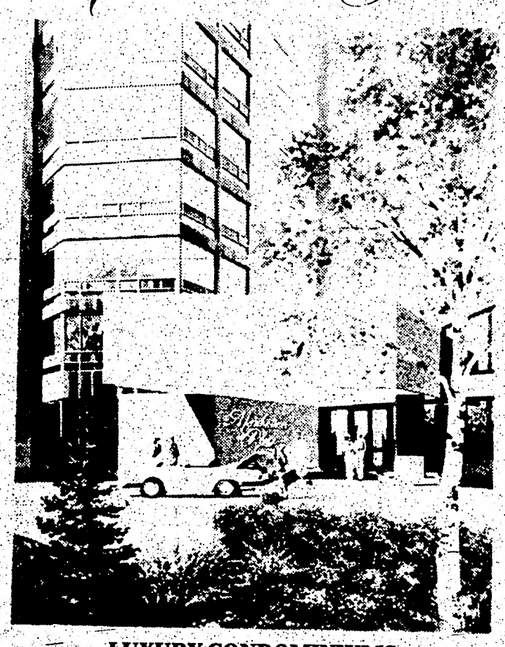

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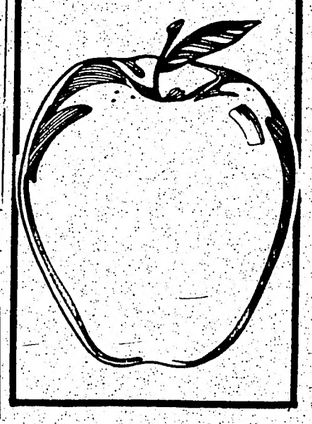

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Annuity payment a blend of principal, interest

By
MURRAY SHERR and
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The readers ask:

Q. Several friends have been discussing the return on annuities. Some think the annuity companies take the lump sum of money, invest it and pay the interest to the annuitant. On the death of the person the company keeps the lump sum. Is this true? If so, is it fair?

Q. No, the annuity payout does not work like that. It can best be compared to a long term investment in a mortgage. Each payment received is a blend of both principal and interest. With each payment the amount of principal remaining declines. After a period of time, the principal is fully returned.

Most annuities are for life with a minimum period of time guaranteed. The most popular guarantees are 10 years and 15 years. If a person continues to live beyond that time, the annuity payments continue for as long as he or she may live.

At today's rate the interest varies between 9 to 11% with the capital sum completely returned by the end of the expected period of payment.

Q. In your article of Sept. 16, you wrote that if a spouse under age 71 owning an RRSP dies and the beneficiary spouse is over age 71, the RRSP will be fully taxable in the final year of the deceased spouse. Do you think this is proper? What can be done about it?

A. Ottawa also saw this as being unfair and has enacted an amendment to the Income Tax Act to correct it. The amendment of section 60(1) allows that a surviving spouse aged 71 or over, or a child who is dependant by reason of physical or mental infirmity may transfer a RRSP tax free to an annuity.

The annuity must be for life or to age 90 and must have periodic payments which begin within one year of the purchase of the annuity. The amount received in payment each year is taxable in the year of receipt and qualifies for the pension income deduction.

The net effect of this amendment is that the RRSP of the younger spouse, on death, may now be transferred to the over-age 71 spouse without the liability of income tax, just so long as it is done for the purpose of purchasing an annuity.

Q. I have income from Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and interest on savings. I am age 67. Do I require an RRSP?

A. The answer is probably yes, however, it depends on a number of other facts that you have not given us.

First, do you now have a sufficient total income to get along? Do you have enough income to set aside some savings? An RRSP is a savings plan and requires funds to be invested.

Second are you paying income tax? An RRSP is only of value if you are taxable because it helps bring your net taxable income. Therefore, you pay less income tax in the year for which the deposit qualifies.

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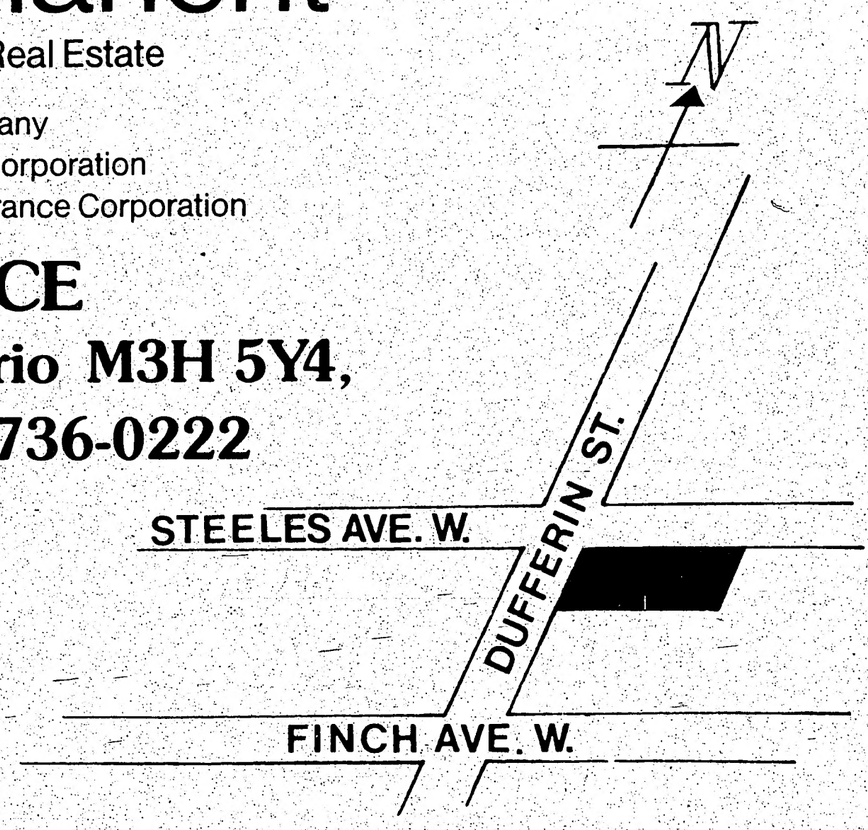

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Private initiative has a role to play not only in the market place but in the community, according to Edwin (Eddie) Goodman, O.C., Q.C. and A. E. (Eph) Diamond, two prominent corporate leaders who are co-chairing the $20 million Baycrest Hospital Campaign.

Applauding the governments of Ontario, the City of North York and Metro Toronto for their combined financial support of $40 million for a new Baycrest Hospital, they warn about demanding too much from government.

"A major function of government is the provision of common services, but that does not mean it has to do everything," says Goodman, who is a partner in the legal firm of Goodman and Goodman. "We must stop looking to it as a panacea for all our problems or a cornucopia of goodies."

Goodman, whose father, David, was a founder of Baycrest Hospital, also warns: "Governments are facing severe economic constraints and will not make up any shortfall in our capital fundraising. They have given us $40 million, two-thirds of our total estimated costs for the hospital. The rest, $20 million, is up to us to raise."

Concurring with Goodman, Diamond, who heads his own investment firm, and is a former chairman of the Cadillac Fairview Corporation, stresses: "Government cannot and should not do the job alone. We can't scream about shortages of beds and services unless we are ready to share responsibilities.

He contends that government support for Baycrest Hospital is due, in no small measure, to the fact that Baycrest is so solidly rooted in communal commitment.

Both Goodman and Diamond have impressive portfolios of communal involvement. Goodman has led many political campaigns for the Progressive Conservative party both provincially and nationally. In addition to sitting on the board of directors for Baycrest Centre, he is involved with Mount Sinai Hospital, the National Ballet Guild of Canada, the YMHA, the alumni fund of the University of Toronto, the Shaw Festival, the Jewish National Fund and the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation.

Diamond, also on the board of directors at Baycrest, is active with the Canadian Opera Company, the Mount Sinai Hospital, the Jewish Community Centre, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The 1980 honoree of the Candian Councils of Christians and Jews, he is frequently sought by numerous government committees, both provincial and federal, on matters relating to housing, urban and regional development.

A. E. Diamond

E. A. Goodman

New Baycrest Hospital is tailor-made. Architects met with 45 different "user " groups, including patients, before going to drawing boards.

Sydney Cooper helps design hospital of the future

When Sydney Cooper, a civil engineer and former associate chairman of the Mount Sinai Building Committee undertook to head the building committee for the new Baycrest Hospital, little did he know that he would be working on a prototype for future geriatric hospitals.

Architects of the new Baycrest Hospital are Bregman and Hamann, a firm which has worked on seven hospitals in Metro Toronto alone.

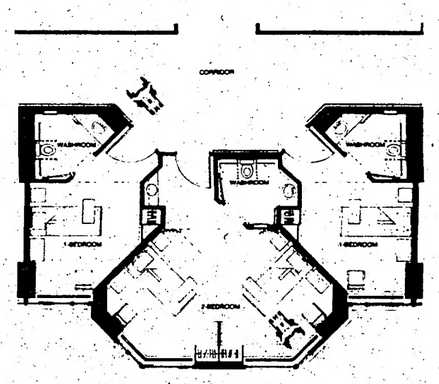
"This is a building which has, from its earliest stages, been designed for the specific needs of long-term care patients," says Cooper, who has put in countless hours at his task, according to Stephen Rudin, executive director of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. "Cooper's past experience and advice in construction has been invaluable," adds Rudin. "We couldn't afford to buy time and expertise like that."

From the beginning, Bregman and Hamann architects met with patients to hear their concerns. At the top of the patients' agenda: more privacy, personal space, wheelchair accessibility and areas for socializing.

And architects not only met with patients. They encountered approximately 45 different "user" groups of medical and non-medical staff and administrators. To Cooper's knowledge, no other hospital has ever been designed in consultation with so many user groups.

A long-term care hospital is "home" to many of its patients and Bregman and Hamann's chief hospital architect, Peter Daniel, made an intense search for innovative ways to accommodate patient needs. Says Cooper: "Baycrest people wanted something special; I think they got it."

What pleases Cooper is the personal space and privacy created in patients' rooms by the use of a unique honey-comb shape. The design is an improvement over past box-like rooms for many reasons — not least of which is the elimination of the long corridors, he says.



Unique honey-comb shape of rooms gives each patient a window-view, more personal space and privacy.

Designers also introduced alcoves to encourage patients to leave rooms and watch or participate in the activities of the corridor — again without interfering with the flow of traffic or adding length to corridors."

Attuned to the claustrophobic feelings of chronic care patients who live their lives indoors, Bregman and Hamann gave all patients equal access to large and deep windows designed especially for the sight lines of patients in wheelchairs.

Another feature which Cooper hopes will give pleasure to Baycrest patients in residence — a large indoor landscaped garden court developed at street level for year-round use. A patio in front of the garden will give patients comfortable and welcome access to the outdoors, weather permitting.

Schipper: Bed shortage impacts on family life

Sick elderly confront crisis

TORONTO — There are stories that Norman Schipper, president of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, finds hard to tell. They are case histories in the records of Baycrest social workers. Plain and simple, they state the case for a new Baycrest Hospital.

The $20 million capital campaign for the new geriatric hospital opened officially in Premier William Davis' office on March 10.

"Sick, elderly people who require hospitalization are in a shaky situation. Baycrest has a crucial bed shortage, which is having a serious impact on the lives of many families," says Schipper.

He adds: "The government recognizes this fact and has embarked on a health care strategy for the whole province which includes more geriatric hospitals as well as stronger outpatient programs."

Based on information released by Etta McEwen, director of social work at Baycrest Hospital, Schipper recounts the following:

- Terminally ill older people frequently lie in emergency departments of hospitals, unable to be admitted either to acute or chronic care hospitals. Some go back and forth between home and hospital.
- **Many chronically ill patients move in with families who try their best, but are unable to cope with the deteriorating conditions of sick parents. Some children and spouses are forced to take leaves of absence from work. Some must give up jobs.**
- In many instances, older, Orthodox and Yiddish-speaking patients have been on a waiting list for Baycrest for over a year. Some finally gain admission to chronic care hospitals — far away from home. Unable to make themselves understood in non-Jewish environments, unable to be visited regularly, many succumb to depression and refuse medical treatment.
- Last month, out of a total of 68 applications, 19 were terminally ill patients. At time of writing, only one could be admitted.
- People now applying to Baycrest Hospital are in their mid 80's and inclined to serious multiple problems; yet the majority find Baycrest's door closed to them because there is no room for them. "We must hold sufficient beds for patients who require immediate and short-term medical care," explains Schipper.

The waiting period for long-term care beds is now from two to five years.

Hundreds more need this care.

The impact on families, who bear the brunt of care ranges from difficult to intolerable, according to Schipper. "Families are actually quite resourceful. Most try to keep parents and spouses at home for as long as possible. When they finally do apply for admission, there is usually a complete breakdown."

Well-to-do families who can afford the enormous sums of money for home care are fortunate. But people on moderate and limited incomes are financially devastated. "However," he affirms, "rich or poor, taking care of a patient whose condition is degenerating daily, takes a terrible toll on the lives of the caregivers."

Schipper recounts one case where an elderly dying man moved in with his daughter and son-in-law for five months. Because her father's discomfort was so acute during the night, the daughter went sleepless. Part of a close-knit family, her sister and brother took turns sleeping over while she moved into their homes. "Their lives were turned upside down," Schipper says. In desperation, they turned to Baycrest for terminal care. They waited a month during which time their frail father endured the trauma of being transported back and forth to emergency departments.

"What people do not realize," says Schipper, "is that most acute care hospital systems are not geared for long-term care of terminally or chronically ill people. Where they are not, patients fail to get the appropriate medical treatment, or social care that prevails in

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Patient Sam Pearl and son William Pearl share services in the Wolinsky Synagogue at Baycrest Hospital where observances of Shabbatim and religious holidays are important traditions.

Religion plays role

"For the gray you shall rise, you shall glorify the face of the aged," Leviticus 17, Verse 32

When Rabbi Gedalia Felder was just turning 13 in his hometown near Lemberg in southern Poland, one of his duties was to share a four-hour shift with a 16-year-old boyfriend in the care of an older Jewish man who was bedridden.

Felder is the chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Orthodox division of the Canadian Jewish Congress and spiritual leader of Shomrai Shaboth Chevra Mishnayoth. He is a frequent visitor to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and the hospital in particular.

"There were no nurses, no hospitals in my town," recalls Rabbi Felder. "The family and the community shared the responsibilities of care for all those who needed help, such as our older people. I remember giving this man to drink, helping him to the washroom and turning him over in bed. By taking care of him, I was performing the highest mitzvah [good deed] of all."

Twenty years ago, while Rabbi Felder was in New York, he told a gathering of rabbis that "medical care of the aged occupies a supremely important niche in the formulation of communal obligations . . . of Judaism." "Jewish law venerates the physician," who, he said, has a "special obligation to save lives."

Today, Rabbi Felder believes this just as fervently as he did then. "Baycrest is a mitzvah for the aged and particularly for this Jewish community.

On the role of religion in institutional life, such as a hospital, Rabbi Felder firmly believes that it is a source of intense personal satisfaction and happiness: "Religion or spiritual sustenance is as important as that which is emotional or physical. It infuses a sense of belonging and a will to live."

For the non-Jewish patients, in Baycrest, Rabbi Felder feels strongly that Christian clergy have an equal responsibility to nurture their flock. "All nations walk with their own God. Judaism teaches us respect for the feelings of other people," he says.

In the new Baycrest Hospital, there will be a "quiet" room for meditation and non-denominational services.

Rabbi Felder, who regularly visits older Jewish patients wherever they might be in Metro Toronto's hospitals and nursing home, is convinced that for an observant Jew, a Jewish environment is crucial to the patient's health.

Religious Jews are in acute distress in non-Jewish institutions," he observes. "Some of them do not want to carry on. All their years, they have lived as orthodox and pious Jews. They feel disoriented, isolated and disconnected from their roots."

Rabbi Gedalia Felder

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Geriatric psychiatry helps elderly adapt

Geriatric psychiatrist, Dr. Joel Sadavoy, is a breaker of myths.

In the medical profession over the last few years, Sadavoy has been knocking down superstitions which hold that elderly people in emotional crises do not respond to psychotherapy.

In a recent interview with TV hostess Pearl Langer, on the CBC show, From Now On, Sadavoy stressed that the elderly can adapt and acquire new skills to cope with stress if given the same clinical chance as younger people with problems.

He points out, "There can be a lot of stress as we age: loss of spouse, loneliness, new social problems, economic deprivation, loss of physical beauty and loss of different levels of functional capacity. The whole process of aging needs self-evaluation and readjustment. Many elderly can cope, but some need help in handling these changes."

Another common stereotype, says Sadavoy, is that the "elderly" are all one homogeneous group. In fact, he notes, there are distinct differences between those over 65 and those over 85, besides the usual personal and socio-economic differences.

Some people, for a variety of reasons, age well; others don't. What is the source of flexibility in one, rigidity in the other? What are the social and medical support systems necessary to equip the elderly in this last challenging journey of self-development?

At Baycrest, Sadavoy and his team look for answers and try to research the limits of personality change of the elderly both in institutions and at home.

Currently, Baycrest offers outpatient psychiatric assessment, inpatient treatment and consultation liaison service. In the new Baycrest Hospital, construction to start this Spring, all three existing programs will be expanded. As well, Baycrest will open the first psychiatry day hospital in Metro Toronto.

"Spotlight shines on outpatient care"

Hospitals are changing.

They no longer just provide beds but are evolving into health care centres. In these centres, the spotlight will be shining on outpatient care.

At Baycrest, says Sydney Loftus, chairman of the Top Gifts Division, the outpatient medical program will save on beds by providing medical care to those who really don't require doctors and nurses round the clock.

"When appropriate outpatient services are in place," Loftus points out, "patients can be discharged from hospital earlier and still have access to medical care while living at home." Further, outpatient assessment and diagnosis will both prevent and check illness. Fewer people will be admitted to hospital," he predicts.

Loftus decries the fact that many older people enter hospital only at the point of a complete medical and social breakdown. He believes Baycrest's "crisis prevention" prog-

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Sick elderly face crisis

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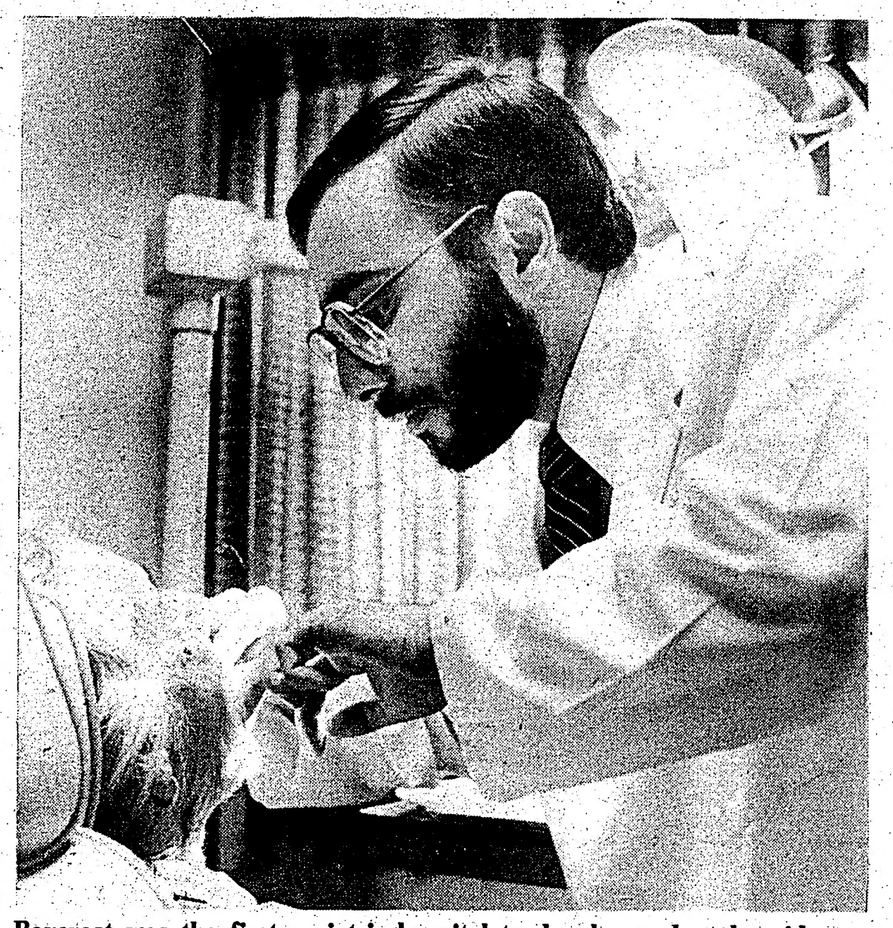
chronic or geriatric hospitals. The two hospital systems, acute and chronic, are entirely different."

Describing the present Baycrest Hospital as antiquated "beyond renovation," Schipper says it is impossible to implement any vital new programs or services, either inpatient or outpatient.

Describing changing concepts of patient care, Schipper says, "Years ago, an older person went into a nursing home or hospital and, regardless of condition, lay there passively. Today, rehabilitation is not only medical but social.

"Being old and sick does not mean a person loses love of life. At Baycrest, those who are able, are dressed, taken on outings and encouraged to participate in activities."

Reflects Schipper "In the end, how we treat our parents is how we will be treated. The government has given two-thirds of the funding required for the new Baycrest Hospital. What we do in this community for the health care of our elderly will be a measure of our own humanity."



Baycrest was the first geriatric hospital to develop a dental residency program. Dentistry is just one of the outpatient clinics scheduled for expansion in the new hospital.

Baycrest's special intensive care unit, the first in a chronic care hospital, makes it possible for patients to be treated right on site instead of being rushed to an acute care hospital when a crisis occurs.

Diabetic patients helped; research aids elderly

Since 1963, Dr. Wulf Grobin, Baycrest Hospital diabetes researcher, has gathered data on the glucose tolerance of well over 1,200 residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged. It is Dr. Grobin's belief that such extensive testing has not been done either in Canada, the United States or Europe.

The bad news from Dr. Grobin's data is that increased sugar in the body's systems might well be part of the aging process itself — but the good news is that proper diet and increased physical activity can retard and even remit the development of diabetes.

Unfortunately, according to Dr. Grobin, a majority of doctors tend to slough off "a little sugar" in the urine of their elderly patients. Such a cavalier attitude is dangerous, Dr. Grobin believes, because diabetic elderly people are likely to suffer higher levels of strokes, heart attacks, aches and pains than non-diabetics.

Besides diabetes, Baycrest Hospital has researched falls, hearing loss, pneumonia, drug interaction and osteoporosis.

In the future, Dr. Grobin predicts an awakening of interest in research into diseases of the elderly, but right now the field is handicapped by a poverty of interest and funding. The new hospital, he hopes, will act as a catalyst for the research he feels is necessary to keep us living longer and healthier.

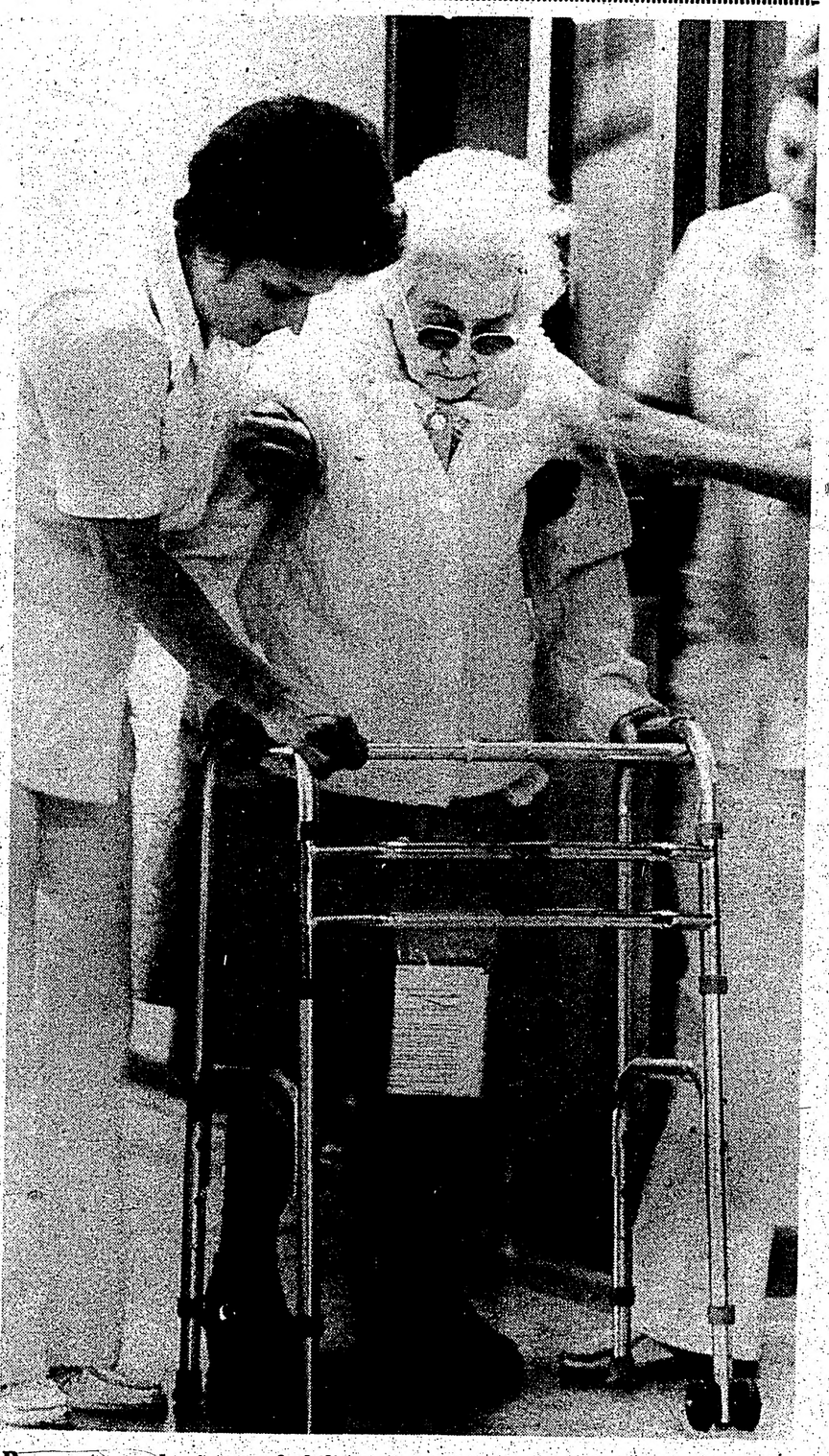
Baycrest patients now have to be shuttled to the Wagman Centre for swimming therapy. The new Baycrest Hospital will have its own pool.

BAYCREST IS A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

These are the major programs planned for the new Baycrest Hospital. Beds will increase from 154 to 300.

1. Long term care – 218 beds
2. Rehabilitation – 32 beds
3. Ambulatory (outpatient)
4. Psychiatric – 20 beds
5. Intensive care – 10 beds
6. Assessment – 20 beds
7. University and college teaching (about 12 health care disciplines)
8. Research

New Facilities
Geriatric day hospital
Geriatric psychiatric day hospital
Geriatric assessment service



Baycrest emphasizes rehabilitation, raising the level of a patient's functional capacity over an extended period of time.

Long-term, acute care differ

A youth-oriented society has helped produce a health care system which shuns long-term care, two chief Baycrest administrators recently told about 150 health care executives at the Park Plaza Hotel.

Speaking to the third congress of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives, Stephen Rudin, executive director of Baycrest Centre, and Morris Jesion, Baycrest Hospital administrator, spelled out the differences between acute and long-term care.

Describing acute care as purely "medical" with an emphasis on "cure" and early discharge, they said long-term care is based on a "social" model and emphasizes "care" over an extended period of time.

"We have grown used to the prompt biological response [of younger patients], to therapeutic intervention with chemicals or surgery. We become impatient and disinterested when a condition lingers — as it does in the long-term setting among the elderly or chronically ill."

They continued: "The dominant influence of health care delivery systems has been the medical model which is geared to the "high tech and cure-oriented setting."

But, they pointed out, more and more resources are being increasingly directed towards long-term and geriatric hospitals where the stress is on rehabilitation and raising the level of a person's ability to function and carry on independently. Cure, while desirable is not always possible.

Dramatic acts of surgery are not as important as continuous multi-disciplinary treatment. The focus is not on one organ of the body, but the whole person. Further, the patient is viewed within a social context of family and community. The active participation of the patient in the management of his care is crucial, they said.

Morris Jesion

Stephen Rudin

Unquenchable appetite for life

Harry Silverberg, 76, a patient at Baycrest Hospital for 11 years, and the first chairman of the Patients' Advisory Council (PAC), died last month.

Silverberg, a quadriplegic with a degenerative disease of the spine, continued to lead a colorful and varied life to the end of his days.

Although handicapped in one arm at birth, he was a sportswriter for the Mail and Empire, sports manager of "The Lizzies," Canada's national basketball champions in 1928, a CBC press officer and the political wizard behind three successful federal Liberal campaigns in the Spadina riding for his friend, Senator David Croll.

In 1949, Sam Bronfman of Seagram Distilleries hired Silverberg, who was the only handicapped salesman in the organization at that time. Silverberg rose through the ranks to become a supervisor, regional manager, and finally, provincial manager.

His last hurrah was as chairman of the PAC, which, with the help of articulate fellow patients, such as Zelda Wagman, he welded into an effective tool for dialogue between patients and nurses and doctors.

"We have to live with one another, learn each other's concerns and be accountable for our behaviour," Silverberg said at the time. Above all, the PAC was the voice of Baycrest patients when it met directly with hospital architects from Bregman and Hamann to discuss overall hospital design.

Silverberg required the protected environment of a hospital because of an increasing loss of muscle power, says Carmen Lawrence, Baycrest head nurse who knew Silverberg for nine years. As a patient, she observes, "He was realistic about his condition and made the best of it. We encouraged him in his determination."

She had empathy for his daily struggle to preserve his independence. "I recall him most times reading. He went through two daily papers as well as magazines and books — and turned all the pages by himself with his mouth."

Silverberg's unquenchable appetite for life took him beyond the confines of Baycrest Hospital. During the week, he looked forward to Baycrest outings for entertainment and sports events. On the weekends, he loved nothing more than to dine with good friends in hotels such as the Park Plaza and the Four Seasons. A favorite haunt, La Scala, sent two waiters with an armchair to his taxi when he arrived.

"Harry had a marvellous ability to draw people to him," affirms Senator Croll. "He was certainly the most courageous and finest man I've ever known."

A legion of friends remained loyal to him, such as Bill Gold, Dr. Harold Sniderman, Ralph Hyman (former editor of The Canadian Jewish News) Senator Keith Davey and Charles Bronfman. The latter occasionally sent a private executive plane with a nurse and an attendant to bring Silverberg to Montreal to watch the baseball games he enjoyed so hugely.

In the end, Silverberg knew he was going to die, reflects Lawrence. He said a final good-bye to some staff before they left work. They protested his fears. But Silverberg knew better than anyone. When they returned to work the next day, he was gone.

A shocked staff mourned his loss. "He showed us all what courage is," Lawrence says.

Silverberg, a bachelor, is survived by three sisters, Evelyn Chapnick, Pauline Renfo and Edith Sills.

Harry Silverberg, 1906-1983

More undergraduates to study at Baycrest

You don't have to be a futurist such as Alvin Toffler to predict that if the world population is graying, somewhere down the road, there will be a hue and cry for more geriatric manpower.

There is no hueing and crying yet, but the wheels of progress grind slowly, and ageism, the curse of a pragmatic, youth-oriented society still lingers within the medical profession, according to Dr. Cyril Gryfe, medical director of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

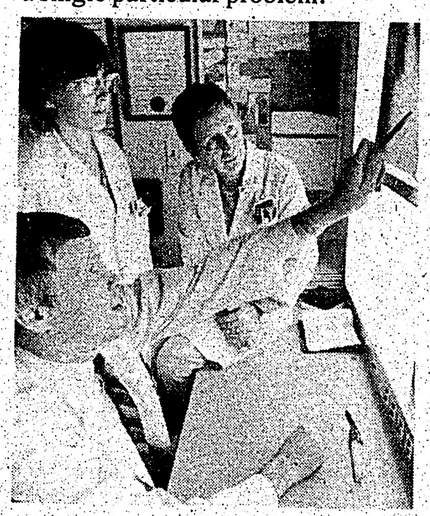
No dreamy Don Quixote tilting at windmills, Gryfe is trying to implement practical changes from within the medical establishment. He is an associate professor in the medical faculty of the University of Toronto and an examiner with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in the specialty of geriatrics.

If Gryfe and the five like-minded geriatricians now at the U of T have their way, next year should mark such milestones as: [1] the introduction of bed-side geriatric teaching at the undergraduate level; and [2] vastly increased numbers of undergraduates learning geriatric medicine in long-term care hospitals rather than in acute care which, ironically, is where most undergrads pick up their knowledge on care of the elderly.

The usual number of medical undergraduates in long-term hospitals, such as Baycrest and Sunnybrook Hospital, is small, ranging from 20 to 50. But now, it is speculated, Baycrest could be receiving over 125 medical students annually.

Says Gryfe, "Such a decision, which is still being considered by the medical curriculum committee of the University of Toronto, will be a boon to education about the illnesses of older people. We need to cultivate more general practitioners with a solid appreciation for the problems of geriatric medicine and long-term care," he says firmly.

He points out there are major differences between acute and chronic care hospitals because of the patient population. Long-term care patients tend to be older, suffering from multiple problems over an extended period of time. The reverse is generally true for patients in acute care. The thrust of geriatric medicine is rehabilitative, attempting to restore the ability of the patient to function as independently as possible. On the other hand, acute care emphasizes cure of a single particular problem.



Dr. Cyril Gryfe and interns.

"The more GP's who gain practical experience in geriatric medicine and long-term care, the better the odds for improved health among the aging," Gryfe feels. Postgraduate studies in geriatrics started at the U of T in 1979, but he asks, "How many students are going to become geriatricians? This takes at least five to six years of post-graduate studies."

The value of the geriatrician specialists, as with all specialists, lies primarily in their capacity to act as consultants to those within the profession as well as those in the community college, universities, and government, Gryfe points out. "We need specialists, certainly, but above all, we need more in the rank and file of medicine, the primary care givers, the general practioners and family physicians, who have the particular skills, knowledge and attitudes to make geriatric medicine viable."

Volunteers shape Baycrest

Plan major events

Last year, the Baycrest Centre volunteer corps stacked up an astonishing 112,771 work hours.

From pink-smocked ladies who fit disabled patients to three-piece suited corporate leaders on the board of directors, they constitute one of the largest volunteer corps in the country. Counting the Men's Service Group [MSG] and Women's Auxiliary [WA], there are 6,486 volunteers and members in total.

Baycrest Centre has its roots in volunteerism.

The first Toronto Jewish Old Folks Home on Cecil Street, which opened in 1918, was initiated by a group of valiant ladies who called themselves the Ezras Noshim Society. The home, called the Moshe Zekanim, literally the House of Gray Beards, was primarily a refuge for destitute elderly.

The Ezras Noshim members were not only the voluntary staff performing such chores as cleaning, cooking, laundry and direct patient care, but the unpaid adminsitrators investigating applications and inspecting services. They also fundraised, doggedly knocking on doors asking for money for their impoverished, elderly charges.

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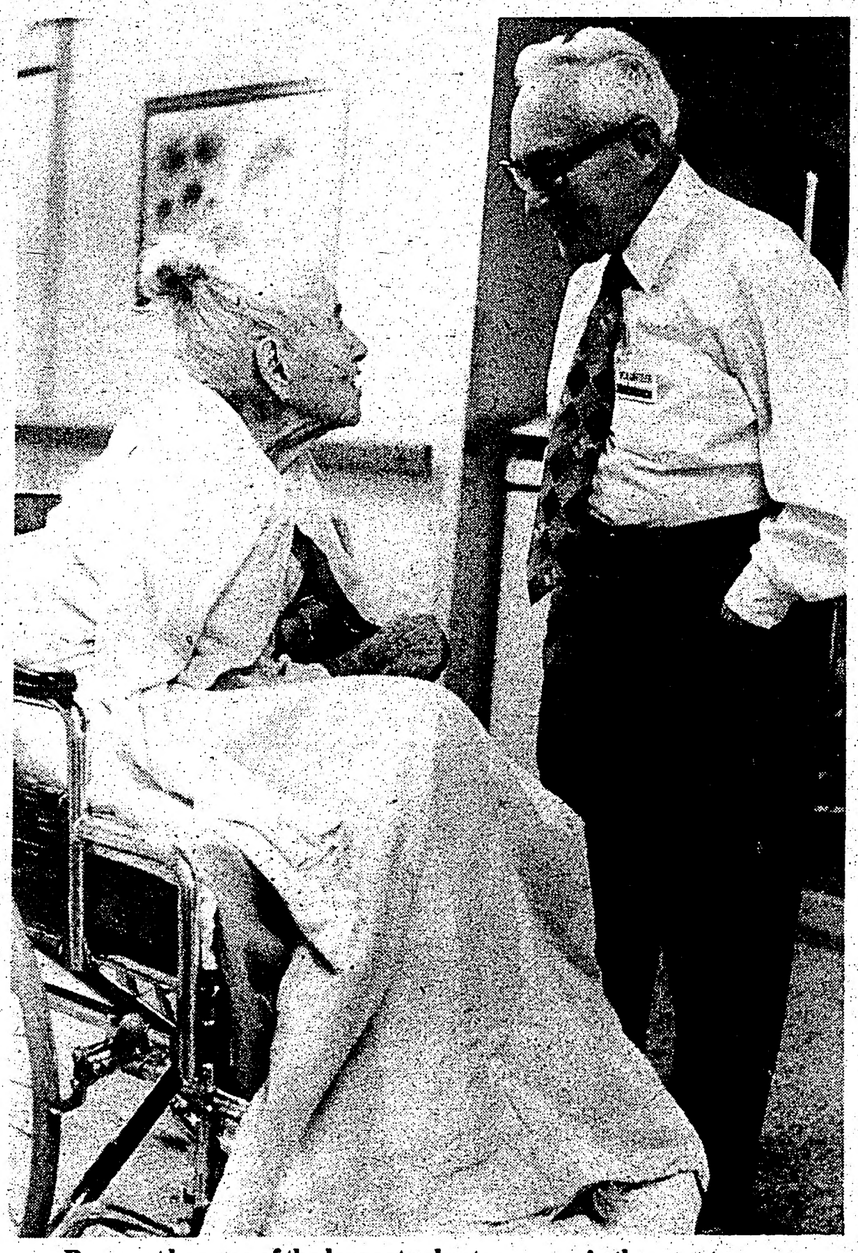
Today, the grass roots heirs of Ezras Noshim are the members of the Women's Auxiliary and Men's Service Group, both of whom are unfailingly zealous in sponsoring medical programs and research, purchasing equipment, engaging in direct service to patients and residents, and fundraising in a variety of imaginative ways throughout the whole centre.

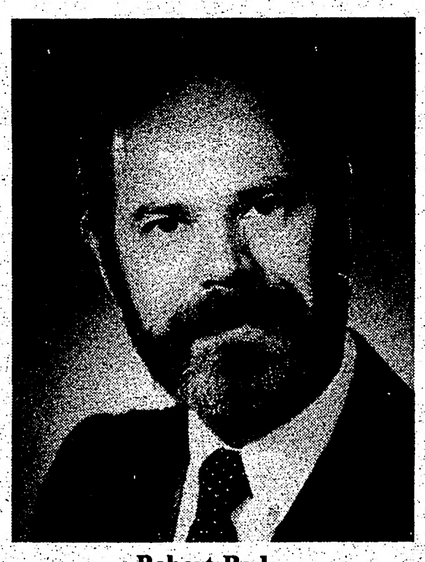
Especially rewarding to MSG and WA members is the person-to-person contact established with hospital patients and JHA residents. All year round, for example, MSG closely co-operates with the group services department in the hospital and the JHA in organizing picnics, barbecues and special outings to parks, sports and entertainment events.

No less important is the fact that MSG and WA both constitute a fertile training ground for leadership at the Baycrest Centre. Murray Biback, now chairman of the Service Division of the Baycrest Hospital Campaign, rose through the ranks of MSG to become an officer, the secretary of the board of directors of the Centre. Similarily, Bob Bader, MSG president, is another board member and serves on the hospital's advisory committee, and Alma Waldman, WA president, is on the board's executive committee.



Baycrest has one of the largest volunteer corps in the country.

Alma Waldman



Robert Bader

Upcoming on the MSG calendar is the annual 10 km Fun Run which, in 1981, raised $85,000 and attracted about 1,200 people. This year, speculates Bader, even more are anticipated — perhaps 100 entrants alone in the mini-five km run for Baycrest Terrace residents and wheelchair patients from the JHA and the hospital. Children, 14 years and under, also don jogging shoes, spurred on by proud bubbies and zadies.

Sponsored by Speedy Muffler this year, the Fun Run will be a high profile event bringing welcome publicity to the Baycrest Hospital Campaign, says Bader. Great food, a steel band and an awards ceremony will put the fun in the run, he says. In addition to the Fun Run, annual funding sources for MSG are an endowments program and an educational fundraising magazine called the Honor Roll, plus a variety of other projects.

The MSG, started in 1956 with founding president, Herbert Weiss, now has over 2,000 members and is the only men's service group connected with a health care organization in Ontario.

Preceding the MSG historically is the WA which started in 1955 under the stewardship of Dora Till, founding president. Today, it has 3,700 members and last year raised over $300,000 from such diverse sources as a gift shop, snack bar, lottery centre, yarzheit service, cards, funds and inscriptions.

Special WA fundraising events, such as last year's Camarata Concert at the Leah Posluns Theatre, also nets a profit. This year's special fundraising event, according to WA president Waldman, is perhaps the most ambitious ever.

Waldman hopes 800 supporters of Dora Till will turn out for a black-tie dinner in her honor at the Royal York Hotel. The goal, she says, is to endow a patient care floor in the new hospital in Till's name.

Together, both MSG and WA constitute the Service Division of the Baycrest Hospital Campaign under the chairmanship of Biback, who comments, "It is particularly gratifying to be in charge of this division. These are the men and women of all ages, who, year in and year out, put in time and service."

In the mass personal canvassing blitz that lies ahead for his hardy troops, Biback is confident that no one group can impart the story of the Baycrest Hospital with more love and conviction.

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ram will encourage the elderly and their families to identify illness in earlier stages.

Loftus, who is responsible for raising almost three-quarters of the $20 million sought in the community, recently met with Dr. Leslie Goldenberg, medical director of Baycrest's ambulatory programs, to learn about such programs in the new Baycrest Hospital.

Goldenberg, one of Baycrest's three geriatricians on staff (there are only 10 in all Canada), cites some of the major areas of his program: the geriatric day hospital, ambulatory clinics (about 10), audiology, geriatric assessment, and the crisis prevention unit.

He points out that Baycrest's network of ambulatory programs will be linked to primary caregivers such as families and communal social services.

Goldenberg is particularly proud of the proposed geriatric day hospital conceived on the purely medical models established by the British. In his view, existing day hospitals across Ontario are "not geriatric, not medical and not hospitals." Mostly, he says, they are a combination of social programs, and physio and occupational therapy departments, whereas Baycrest will offer a full range of medical assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitative care.

The day hospital is a stage between discharge from hospital and return to the community. Its major function is to provide "rehabilitation" to those who have been discharged, or those who need monitoring or preventative care — but do not need a doctor or nurse in the evenings or week-ends.

Rehabilitation, as Goldenberg defines it, means raising patients from one level of functional capacity to a higher level. The majority of patients will spend about four to six hours a day, two to three days a week over a period of weeks rather than months. Meals and transportation are provided as necessary.

For further information on campaign call Sam Ruth or Norm White, 789–5131.

For further information on hospital, call Stephen Rudin or Morris Jesion, 789–5131.

Religion plays role

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Rabbi Felder concedes that the kosher frozen food offered in non-Jewish institutions is better than nothing, but is insufficient in providing the overall spiritual continuity central to the lives of devout Jews.

Of Baycrest Hospital, Rabbi Felder uses only superlatives. "Canadian Jews can be proud of this institution and what it provides for the Jewish community," he says. In his view, Baycrest's fully equipped kosher kitchen, the largest in Canada, is a model of Kashruth. Under the religious supervision of Rabbi Nachman Wilhem, full-time mashgiach for the whole centre, Baycrest's modern conveyor belts of food pour out an astounding 3,000 meals every day.

Not only does the Baycrest kitchen serve the hospital, but also, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Terrace, the Baycrest Day Care program, staff cafeterias and the Meals-on-Wheels program, an outside project of the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly.

Full-time spiritual leader, Rabbi Abraham Greenspan, also leads JHA residents and visitors in observing the Shabbat and all religious holidays. Services are held every morning and evening in the Wolinsky synagogue. For those unable to attend, special care floors have their own separate services.

One of the most pleasurable moments of religious observance takes place on alternate Friday afternoons when children from Grade Four at Associated Hebrew School come to sing Shabbat songs and to perform a symbolic candle-lighting service for the patients and JHA residents.

Comments Rabbi Felder: "Holidays are also times of stress and anxiety for patients who tend to feel isolated and forgotten. It is for this reason that the continuity of religious life has special meaning. It is from participating in ancient religious traditions that the observant Jew sustains his identity and his own feelings of self-worth."

One modern fundraising techniques, Rabbi Felder believes there is a danger in their becoming too objective and detached. There is a story he tells of a rabbi who, when asking for money for communal needs from a rich man, made his affluent prospect stand out in the cold, "so he would know what it is to shiver."

If he had his way, Rabbi Felder says, he would bring all potential donors to the hospital to visit with our sick and elders. There, he says, "we will feel their needs, we will be summoned and, out of love, we will respond."

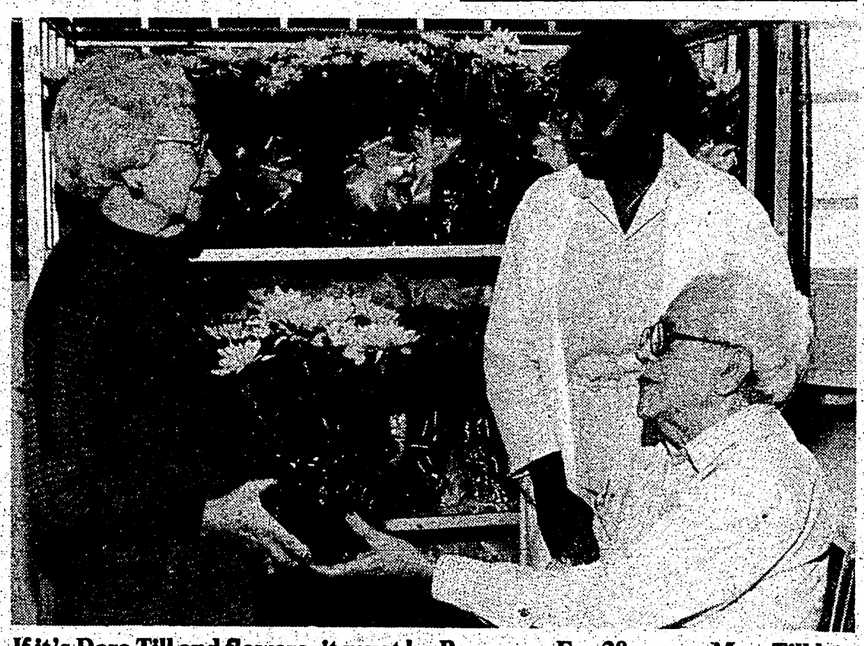
Reserve Oct. 4 for Dora Till

When a black-tie dinner for Dora Till is held October 4 at the Royal York Hotel, leaders of the community will turn up in droves to honor the woman who nurtured and participated in communal social service for the last 67 years.

Mrs. Till, spry and ageless in spirit, will have a patient floor named after her in the new Baycrest Hospital. She is the founding president of the Women's Auxiliary.

As a young girl, Mrs. Till's heart was stirred by the plight of impoverished mothers and children whose cause she served by forming direct service agencies such as the Hebrew Maternity Aid Society and Mothers and Babes Summer Rest Home, the latter also founded by the late Ida Siegel and the late Etta Helpert.

Not just content to solicit funds for the needy, Mrs. Till soon directed her energies into communal administration and funding,



If it's Dora Till and flowers, it must be Passover. For 28 years, Mrs. Till has distributed flowers from Women's Auxiliary to the hospital and Jewish Home for the Aged. Looking on are Head Nurse Carmen Lawrence and patient Philip Title.

. . . serving on the executive of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and Canadian Jewish Congress.

She was a founding member of the Mount Sinai women's auxiliary, an executive member of Hadassah, a Goel Tzedec sisterhood supporter for 25 years plus a worker for diverse communal causes such as Associated Hebrew Schools and the Y.M.H.A. For the past 30 years, she has devoted heart and soul to the Baycrest Centre.

Among the many honors falling to her: in 1977, a silver medal from Her Majesty cited on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne; also, in 1980 on the occasion of the Primrose Club's 60th anniversary, a special dinner in her honor. She was presented with the first Primrose Club Award for communal achievement for $1,000, a sum she cheerfully contributed to the new Baycrest Hospital campaign.

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